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Kurt Waldheim, the then-United Nations secretary-general (fourth from left) visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem during a trip to Israel. [IPPA photo]

Rescue of industries will cost Israeli jobs

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

More than 5,000 workers are expected to lose their jobs during the next few months as reorganizational and belt-tightening measures are implemented to save some of Israel's major industries from financial collapse.

That figure was estimated by government officials, economic and financial experts who are mounting a rescue operation for Histadrut-owned and the publicly-held enterprises saddled with massive debts and severe losses.

The bad news compounded a report released last week by the Central Bureau of Statistics that nearly 100,000 Israelis are presently unemployed, representing 6.7% of the work force. Unemployment rose by 16% in 1985, the report said.

The industries affected are bellwethers of the Israeli economy, ranging from hi-tech to globe-girdling shipping services.

Prominent among them are Kupat Holim, the Histadrut sick-fund; Solel Boneh, the Histadrut-owned construction company which is the largest in Israel; the Elscint Medical Imaging Co. which manufactures sophisticated diagnostic equipment; the Zim Israel Navigation Co.; the Vulkan Foundries in Haifa; and the Beth Shemesh engine works.

The rescue operations are expected to give the banks a larger say in running the firms and in the public bodies concerned. They will involve substantial reductions of the labor force in every case. An important feature of the plan is to convert indebtedness into stock shares. The government is also expected to approve bond issues to finance the rescheduling of short term debts.

Premier Shimon Peres, a firm believer in the development of hi-tech industries, has taken a personal hand in working out a rescue package for Escint, which generates some $10 million in exports each month.

88 Jews exit USSR

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Only 88 Jews were permitted to emigrate from the USSR during February, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported last week.

To date, a total of 165 Jews have been granted visas in 1986, reflecting little change in Soviet Jewish emigration, which has all but reached a standstill in the last four years.

Reagan issues pledge on arms sales to Arabs

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

President Reagan told American Jewish leaders last week that he will never sell arms to moderate Arab countries that would threaten the security of Israel. "I will not consider any measure, including arms sales to moderate Arab countries" if it endangered the security of Israel, Reagan told some 100 Jewish leaders attending a White House briefing for the Conference of President of Major American Jewish Organizations.

His remarks came at the end of a speech in which he urged the support of the Jewish community for his request to Congress for $100 million to aid the Contras in their opposition to the Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

Kenneth Bialkin, chairman of the Presidents Conference, in expressing gratitude to the President for his remarks, voiced "concern" over providing arms to Arab countries that do not support the peace process. He said arms should only be sold to those Arab countries that "move into the direction of peace."

Bialkin suggested that if Egypt, Jordan and Israel worked together on a joint economic program, "that may bring peace faster than arms."

Reagan replied that any arms sale will be made in the cause of peace. He reiterated his pledge that nothing will be done to diminish Israel's "qualitative and quantitative" military edge.

The President did not refer to his plan to sell Saudi Arabia $300 million in advanced missiles. But Richard Murphy, assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South

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What did he do during the war?

Waldheim uproar grows

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations secretary-general for one decade, was at the centre of a burgeoning international controversy this week over his activities during the Third Reich.

Waldheim, a 67-year-old Austrian running for the presidency of his neutral nation, has been accused of having been on the staff of a German Army general who was hanged as a war criminal and of having been a member of two Nazi Party organizations.

The World Jewish Congress, which released the documents implicating Waldheim, has in addition charged him with having prevented the U.S. justice department from examining UN files on Nazi war criminals.

The documents were found among German military records and in the archives of the Austrian justice ministry and the foreign ministry.

Waldheim, under whose stewardship the UN passed the notorious 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism, was caught off guard by the revelations.

In an interview with Austrian TV, he claimed he had never held membership in a Nazi student union, the National Socialist Student Organization, and the paramilitary Brownshirts, or SA. He also denied allegations he had been attached to a Wehrmacht unit under Gen. Alexander Lohr which perpetrated atrocities against Greek Jews and Yugoslav partisans.

Waldheim, who was Austria's foreign minister before his UN appointment, said the stories about his past are part of a smear campaign to damage him politically.

Yet, in a subsequent interview with The New York Times, Waldheim backtracked.

He said he became aware of his membership in the SA after World War II, claiming he had not considered himself a member of that organization or the Nazi student movement.

Waldheim, who is campaigning for his country's presidential office under the slogan of "A man trusted by the world," said the SA and the National Socialist Student Organization had been established for social purposes like horseback riding and motorcycle racing. He further said that his basic motive for taking part in their gatherings was to protect himself and his family from Nazi harassment.

He joined the student union on April 1, 1938, about three weeks after the Anschluss, the peaceful Nazi takeover of Austria. Waldheim, the son of a conservative school teacher who allegedly opposed the Anschluss and as a result lost his job, enrolled in the SA in November of the same year.

On Aug. 15, 1939, he entered the German Army.

Waldheim said he had indeed served under Lohr, who was hanged by the Yugoslavian government in 1947, but in a minor capacity as an ordnance officer and interpreter in Lohr's Salonkia headquarters. Waldheim said his activities included the analysis of enemy troop movements.

In his interview with the Times, he said he had no

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W. German president attempts to allay fears

BONN (JTA) —

President Richard von Weizsaecker, in an emotional appeal to world Jewry, recently asserted that current manifestations of anti-semitism in West Germany should not be viewed as typical for the Federal Republic.

"I beg your pardon for the series of latest anti-semitic utterances in this country," declared von Weizsaecker in Brotherhood, an event organized by the association for Christian-Jewish Cooperation.

The president's remarks were viewed as an effort to address rising concern in the Jewish community following a recent series of remarks and events that cast a shadow on German-Jewish relations here and which had been the subject of a debate in the bundestag.

Last month, Hermann Fellner, a ranking member of the (Bavarian) Christian Social Union (CSU) bundestag faction, said that as slave laborers during World War II create the impression that "Jews are quick to show up when money jingles in German cashboxes."

That remark was followed by the disclosures that Mayor Wilederich von Mierbach of Korschenbreich in North Rhine Westphalia, a Christian Democratic Union member, told his town council's budget committee last December that a "few rich Jews should be slain" in order to balance the budget.

There was also the failed attempt last year to stage a play deemed as anti-semitic in Frankfurt's town theatre, and Nazi-style remarks against former Israeli Premier Menachem Begin. Gunter Durr, the Social Democratic faction leader, denounced Begin in the Frankfurt city council recently as "a murderer, fascist and terrorist." Durr later apologized.

Ottawa may apologize

OTTAWA —

Multiculturalism Minister Otto Jelinek says he is expecting a proposal soon from the Canadian Jewish Congress on the wording of an apology from the federal government on Canada's wartime treatment of Jews.

In an interview with The Globe and Mail last week on whether the government plans to compensate individual Japanese Canadians for wartime mistreatment, Jelinek said Ottawa would apologize rather than pay compensation because it could set a precedent for other groups.

The apology may be part of an overall apology to Jews, Ukrainians and Chinese who have also suffered at the hands of the government in the past, The Globe quoted the minister as saying.

The newspaper said that in addition to virtually shutting the door to Jewish immigration during World War II, Canada, at the request of the British government, interned a number of Jews who had fled to Britain from Germany.

During World War I, some Ukrainians in Western Canada who held Austrian Empire passports were interned as German sympathizers in Quebec. Several were shot while trying to escape back to their homes.

Jelinek said that whatever monetary compensation Japanese Canadians will receive will be through "funds or foundations."

LOUD PROTEST

No — we're not jumping the gun on the High Holidays. This old gentleman is blowing the shofar to protest the closing of a bath house in Neve Tzedek, Tel Aviv's oldest suburb. A prayer service was held to try and convince the authorities to reopen the bath house. [IPPA photo]

World-National

U.S. Jews found unity means clout

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Thirty years ago Jewish history arrived at an important watershed. Thirty years ago Israel, barely 8 years old, faced its first major international conflict; and American Jews discovered that they need no longer be a powerless, fearful minority. I remember it all as if were yesterday.

Rabbi Plaut

In March 1956 my family and I set out for Israel. When we arrived in Paris it became clear that Israel and Egypt were heading for a military confrontation, for President Abdul Gamal Nasser had declared the Suez Canal an internal Egytian waterway which would henceforth be closed to all Israeli shipping. Feelings ran high and the trumpets of war were being sounded. It seemed like an awkward time to take one's wife and children on their first visit to Eretz Yisrael. Visitors were leaving the country; not entering it.

We went to see Israel's ambassador to France. What would he advise? We asked. His answer came quickly. "If I had a chance I would go home at once, and so would my family." That was enough for us, and we were off.

I had been to Israel 20 years before, when it was still British mandated Palestine. Then the land was filled with thousands of visitors who came to attend the Maccabi games. Alas, it was different now. Hotels were almost empty, at the grand new Caesarea Hotel there were only two families: one British couple and we. That's the way it was wherever we went. In some places we were treated as if we were heroes of a sort, because we had defied the warnings which had kept others away.

But the tension was only all too real. War broke out a few months later; France and Britain joined the fray when Israel marched to the canal, and Nasser was about to be taught a lesson. Then President Dwight D. Eisenhower and his secretary of state, John Foster Dulles, interfered. They threatened Israel, and Israel's David Ben Gurion saw no other way but to capitulate. The fruits of victory were snatched away, Israel retreated, and Nasser was acclaimed the savior of the Arab world.

In retrospect, Eisenhower's sudden move should not have been unexpected. He and Dulles considered the Arabs a greater asset than Israel, and he mistakenly believed that even America's Jews were generally non-Zionist or even anti-Zionist in any case they would not be vocal. It was their custom to rely on backdoor diplomacy and little more. Dulles would handle it easily.

But a surprise was awaiting him. American Jews were coming of age and now discovered that, when they were united, they had considerable political clout. They won Senator (and future President) Lyndon B. Johnson to their side and he soon corralled his party to oppose Dulles's threatened imposition of sanctions against Israel. The newspapers joined in and American public opinion began to swing sharply in favor of the Jewish state.

Dulles was furious. A few months before he had written off Jewish influence as negligible. Now, like a seasoned anti-semite, he spoke of the "power" of the Jews, of their "control of the press" and their influence in Congress. Despite his avowal that he would teach them a lesson he had to abandon the planned sanctions.

For American Jews had suddenly matured politically and exercised their constitutional privilege. It no longer mattered to them that the President and his advisors did not like it.

Barbie charges broadened

PARIS (JTA) —

A Paris Appeals Court ruling last week, broadening the charges against Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie has set back his trial date by at least a year. Barbie, who has been in French custody since his ouster from Bolivia in February, 1983, will not go on trial until early 1987, at the soonest, according to court sources here.

The Appeals Court decided that the former Gestapo chief in Lyon, responsible for the mass deportation of French Jews and other atrocities during World War II, can be charged with war crimes as well as crimes against humanity for which he has already been indicted. The court acted on the request of five associations of former resistance fighters and individual survivors of the anti-Nazi French underground.

Shultz: Peace prospects remote

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Secretary of State George Shultz has said that the U.S., Jordan and others had "bent over backwards" to give Yasser Arafat and the PLO a chance to get involved in a new round of Arab-Israeli peace negotiations.

But during testimony before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations on March 4, Shultz lamented that "in the end, the PLO leadership would not move."

The secretary, who went to Capitol Hill to defend the administration's new worldwide foreign aid proposals, discussed in some detail the most recent collapse of the peace initiative, underscored by King Hussein's speech late last month.

And while the secretary again promised to continue the effort, other U.S. officials privately conceded that the current prospects for getting any serious negotiating process off the ground were remote.

"So, as always, here," Shultz said, "we have the forces of peace and moderation, the constructive forces, and there are always people who are against them. But I believe that even though the difficulties are great and the probabilities are never in your favor, we should never stop trying to work for peace in the Middle East. It is of tremendous importance to us and to the region, and we just have to keep struggling and working at it, thinking of new ways to go about it."

In recalling the most recent U.S. and Jordanian overtures to the PLO, the secretary confirmed that the U.S. would have been willing to invite the PLO to an international conference if it had renounced violence, accepted "the fact that Israel is there and is there to stay," and accepted UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

"Now," he continued, "we have struggled with King Hussein and with the government of Israel. Everything we've done we've worked together very closely. We have struggled to find a Palestinian representation that would have the kind of legitimacy and support of the Palestinian community so that they would be seen as real representatives. And the views of leaders of the PLO have relevance there.

"We have at the same time fully recognized that those people have to be people that Israel will be ready to sit down with and talk with. So the past activities and the terrorist activities of the PLO and individuals in the PLO are quite relevant there."

Shultz also said the situation had been complicated by the fact that Hussein continued to endorse the 1974 Rabat Declaration that the PLO was the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

"From our standpoint," he said, "our objective has always been very simple and clearcut. We wanted to see emerge from whatever process a direct negotiation between Israel and, in this case, Jordan with legitimate and acceptable Palestinian representation. That has been the objective that has guided everything that we have done."

He said the U.S. had discussed with Hussein various sorts of international conferences. In that context, he said the U.S. had been ready to go along with an invitation to the PLO to participate in such a conference "but not beyond that."

He said Hussein had been involved in "a long and arduous and creative" effort to convince Arafat to accept the minimal conditions. And there were times when the king was quite optimistic that that might be done," Shultz said.

Shultz recalled that a similar initiative organized by Britain last year also eventually failed. The British had been prepared to meet with a joint Jordanian-PLO delegation if the PLO officials would have issued a statement renouncing violence and accepting Resolutions 242 and 338.

"It seemed that the meeting was going to take place and then, at the last minute, they wouldn't do it," Shultz said. "And the king has had the same experience."

The secretary said he agreed with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's statement that if the PLO were to accept all of those conditions, then "it wouldn't be the PLO anymore." Shultz said: "That's true. But that's what has to happen in some of these cases."

He said the PLO should recognize that "Israel is there and that the armed struggle has gotten them nowhere." The PLO, he added, should "take a different course. And if they will make that decision, then something fruitful might come forward. But the tragic fact is that they haven't been willing to make it."

Shultz also condemned the murder of Nablus Mayor Zafer el-Masri. He described him as "a moderate Palestinian who was trying to play a constructive role."

Earlier, the White House and the state department publicly mourned the assassination. "The murderers are the enemies of peace," said spokesman Larry Speakes at the White House.

"Terrorists have claimed many victims, both Palestinian and Israeli, in an effort to intimidate those who want peace and accommodation," he said. "They must not be allowed to succeed. We condemn the murder in the strongest terms. We extend our sympathy to the el-Masri family and to the people of Nablus."

Speakes said that "el-Masri "was a leader of stature and integrity. He was dedicated to a better future for the citizens of Nablus and, in a wider sense, for the Palestinian people."

At the state department, spokesman Charles Redman also read a lengthy statement condemning the murder. "Those who killed him would deny the Palestinians a peaceful solution to their problems and have dealt a blow to the Palestinian community." He called them "enemies of peace."

Redman continued: "Through this cowardly act and others like it, terrorists seek to intimidate those who work for a settlement whereby Palestinians and Israelis would achieve peace and recognition of each other's legitimate rights and aspirations.

"Peace and reconciliation are critical to the future and wellbeing of both the Palestinian and Israeli people. The vast majority of both support this cause and oppose those who practice violence and extremism. A great many individuals of courage and goodwill in both communities are working for peace. The tragic killing of Zafer el-Masri must not deter their efforts. Others must follow the example of el-Masri's courage so that all can realize his dream of a peaceful future."

Redman, in response to questioning, expressed hope that the peace process might still move forward despite the assassination. He also appeared to endorse Prime Minister Shimon Peres' most recent unilateral efforts to extend some more day-to-day authority in all sorts of areas to the West Bank and Gaza Palestinians.

"We hope this particular act of terrorism will not deter progress in a process whereby the Palestinians in the West Bank acquire greater control over their everyday affairs," Redman said.

Other U.S. officials said that this statement did not mean a blanket endorsement of proposals in Israel to unilaterally impose a self-governing authority on the West Bank and Gaza. What it reaffirmed, they said, was the longstanding U.S. support for some concrete improvement in the "quality of life" for the Palestinians.

The appointment of el-Masri to become mayor of Nablus, they said, had been welcomed as a positive step forward because "credible" Palestinians were finally taking charge of more areas of their lives — as opposed to Israeli military personnel.

Old poverty song produces lots of very weary voices

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON —

There are moments when the latest act of Welfare Story sounds as if it were written by a lyricist who cannot decide whether the poor are depraved on account of they're deprived, or deprived on account of they're depraved.

Once again a cast of economists, moralists, politicians and social planners are raising their voices to be heard on the subject of the welfare poor. But they sound less like a chorus than like an endless round-robin.

Their big production number goes something like this: A lack of family leads to dependence on welfare. A lack of jobs leads to a lack of family. A lack of education leads to a lack of jobs. A lack of self-esteem leads to a lack of education. A lack of a family leads to a lack of self-esteem. And on to dependence on welfare.

This musical number, which has been rehearsed for years, never reaches any conclusion. What happens is that sooner or later the voices wear down and trail off in frustration. The government throws up its hands, the experts get sore throats, and everybody heads back for the wings.

But before we lose the attention of the audience, which is notoriously short on the subject of welfare, someone ought to point out that we are not really paralyzed in hopelessness. There are some things on which there is public agreement, and public agreement is the stage for policymakers.

There is as Mary Jo Bane, an academic and policymaker currently managing $15 billion worth of poverty programs for New York State, says in the simplest terms, widespread agreement that "work is good and child support is good."

Not that long ago, Dr. Bane remembers, there was controversy about whether the welfare mothers of young children should work outside the home. That controversy is virtually resolved. The result is the widening range of experiments in job programs for women as well as men. Some of them are better than others, some of them will pan out and some won't. But there is support for greater action.

We can also agree that it's crucial to get fathers to take more responsibility for their children, even when they don't live with them. That provides solid staging for changing public policy, all the way from welfare guidelines, to enlarged child-support enforcement programs, even to job programs for unemployed fathers so they can pay.

There is also some agreement, although with much less unanimity, about the importance of talking about sex with teen-agers and making birth control more available. The current sterotype may portray a teen-age mother who chose to get pregnant, but there is a great difference between active choice and passive drift.

These pragmatic lyrics are usually quieter than the more ideological ones. We forget, for example, in the current focus on the underclass, that most people do get off the dole. Only about one out of 10 poor people belong to the "welfare culture." Among those who sign up for welfare today, only one-quarter will be getting checks for 10 of the next 25 years. More than half will be off it within four years.

But it's important to know that there are places we can interrupt the welfare round-robin. We have options, not perfect, but we can agree on ways to make things better. Without that sense, it's easy to be attracted to those who suggest that the only way to make things better is by making them worse, by cutting payments.

David Ellwood at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government thinks we would do well to remember that in the past decade the actual combined value of food stamps and Aid to Families with Dependent Children has gone down about 20 to 25%. But the welfare rolls have held constant.

Reagan may say, again and again, that in the war against poverty, poverty won. But in the recent war against poverty programs, poverty has also won. We've tried making things worse for the poor. It hasn't worked.

There are deep flaws in the morass of welfare programs, and it's hard to overestimate the problem of breaking out of that hardest core, the underclass. But we won't find the cure in a 1-note anthem: Blame the program. There are some tunes around which a majority of us are willing to sing. And they aren't all the blues.

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Canada's new ambassador to Israel

Bartleman sees main thrust of work in trade

By
HUGH ORGEL

Israeli President Chaim Herzog (left) receives the credentials of Canada's new ambassador, James Bartleman, at a recent ceremony in Jerusalem at Beit Hanasi, the presidential residence. At Herzog's side (foreground) is David Kimche, director-general of Israel's foreign ministry.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — James Karl Bartleman, Canada's new ambassador to Israel, is now settling in to his first diplomatic post in the Middle East after a distinguished external affairs service in Latin America, the Far East, Africa, the Caribbean and Europe.

As he put it during an exclusive interview on what he described as his second working day in Israel, he is already getting his feet wet, beginning his rounds of meetings with Israeli leaders and officials.

He prepared himself painstakingly for his new post. As soon as he knew, while filling a home post at the Canadian foreign ministry in Ottawa, following service as ambassador in Cuba, that he was being posted to Israel, Bartleman began his intensive personal preparations.

Like a true professional, he embarked on an extensive round of talks with political, diplomatic, economic and financial officials and Jewish leaders throughout Canada, seeking their views to learn what he could about Canadians, and especially Canadian-Jewish relations with Israel.

And evidently, a man who doesn't like to hang about and wait, the new ambassador-elect, even before the formal presentation of his credentials to Israeli president Chaim Herzog on Jan. 29, began preliminary talks with officials, from Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir downwards, to deepen his background knowledge.

"That is somewhat irregular, but my Israeli colleagues realized I had to return to Ottawa a day after my first official and formal meeting with the President, to attend a conference of heads of posts in the Middle East. It was very understanding of them," he notes with appreciation.

Bartleman is pleased and honored to be representing his country in Israel and anticipates an active post — though he rejects the idea that it might be regarded as a hot spot.

He expects the main thrust on his work from his embassy on the Tel Aviv seafront opposite the Hilton Hotel on Rehov Hayarkon to be in the economic field, fostering trade and economic relations between the two countries, for the advantage of both.

Canada has always had a military stake in Israel, and especially around its borders. Canadian officers and soldiers are serving in the multinational force in the Sinai and there is a unit of over 200 Canadians serving with the UNDOF — the United Nations Disengagement Observation Force — on the Golan Heights. And Canada is to send 120 men and 10 helicopters to replace an outgoing Australian and New Zealand air service unit on the Heights this month.

In the economic field and the area of mutual trade relations, Bartleman hopes to encourage close contacts between Canada and Israel, making full use of Israel's high technology, brains and facilities and Canadian financial and managerial skills and resources and market knowledge and contacts.

One idea he appears to have already discussed at both ends is that of the establishment of joint venture firms and enterprises in Canada, making use of Israel's specialized knowhow and scientific knowledge, and existing Canadian firms to produce new products for sale in the region he describes as the rim of the Pacific where Canada already has special trade relations but which are new areas for Israeli commerce.

To foster this idea, some 160 members of the Canadian National Research Council are to attend a conference-cum-fair in Israel in March, displaying and discussing hi-tech economic co-operation between Israel and Canada.

In the field of normal diplomacy, Bartleman anticipates no special problems. There has been a deep friendship between the two countries since even before the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, when Canadian Lester Pearson played a major role in USCOP — the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine — which recommended the famous partition resolution on the UN General Assembly.

For the 47-year-old James Bartleman this is not his first visit to Israel — though his first trip here was under somewhat unusual circumstances.

In 1975 he had been engaged to a young Belgian woman who was a hostess on Sabena Airlines. She suffered a fractured skull during a hard landing at Ben Gurion International Airport in Israel and was taken to nearby Tel Hashomer Hospital for treatment. "I flew out to be with her and take her home," he recalled. "I am afraid that Marie-Jean managed then to see only the interior of two ambulances taking her to and from the hospital, and the interior of the Tel Hashomer hospital itself.

"But during the 10 days I spent here at that time, before flying home with her for our wedding in Belgium, I managed to travel about the country a bit and see something of the sights. We are now planning to see just about everything."

Religion, history in land

The Bartlemans' two children — an 8-year-old girl and 9-year-old son — already attend the American School of Herzliya.

James Bartleman, who studied history at university, feels that Israel is a wonderful country not only for historians but for anyone with a sense for religion.

"The country is steeped in religion and in history," he said. "It's a region which has seen the passage of armies and peoples, which has been crossed and recrossed by conquerors, and their footsteps and memories are to be found everywhere."

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Living Halacha

By
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QUESTION: May a man seek employment in a field in which he is called upon to risk his life?

Alas, there are many occupations that require a man to put his life on the line. Policemen risk their lives daily. So do firemen and miners. But, these people do the things that must be done to make life safe for the community. Without the police no person would be safe, and we would all be living in a jungle, afraid to step outside. . . .

Rabbi Burak

Still, according to the Talmud, a father should not teach his son the kind of work that exposes him to danger. Said Bar Kappara in Tractate Kiddushin, 82A: "Let a man always teach his son a clean and easy handicraft." The identical statement is also attributed to Rabbi Meir except that he added these words: "And let him pray to the Almighty to whom belong riches and possessions."

Today, fathers are not in the position to guide their children in such matters. Hopefully, some will accept guidance from the great classics of our faith. The Sefer Chassidim, the great medieval classic, lays down the rule that when a man's house is on fire, if he rushes in to scoop up his money, his blood is on his own head. From this, one is entitled to deduce that if he rushes in to save, not his dollars, but his loved ones, he is to be commended.

Our Master, the Gaon Rabbi A. A. Price shalita, in his commentary Mishnas Avraham, volumes 1, Sefer Chassidim 165:2, directs us to a parallel discussion in the responsa Noda' bi-Yehuda, volume 2, Y. D. number 10, where the question is asked whether a Jew may go hunting wild animals. There, the rule is given that hunting for pleasure is prohibited. But, it is permitted for the man who earns his livelihood that way.

As talmudic proof for this ruling, the Sage of Prague cites a sentence in the Bible which the gemara Beba Metzi'a, 112A, explains with these words: "Why did this man (the laborer) ascend the ladder, suspend himself from the tree, and risk death itself; was it not that you should pay him his wages?" So, too, the poor man goes hunting and risks his life in order to make a living. Rav Price holds that some distinction must be made according to the gravity of the danger.

In his remarkable commentary on the Tanya Rabbati, volume 1, page 240, our Gaon Rabbi Gedalia. Felder shalita brings all this material together. In his volume 2, he has a letter from the Gaon Rabbi Pnchas Menachem Alter shalita, rosh yeshiva of Sefath Emeth in Jerusalem.

The rosh yeshiva draws our attention to Lamentations, Chapter 5:9: "We get our bread with the peril of our lives because of the sword of the wilderness." Rashi explains this text in these words: "Risking our lives, we were in danger when we brought our food from the field, because of the sword of the wilderness." Rashi laments that our people had reached such a pass.

But, asks the rosh yeshiva: "Is this so uncommon? In the Rosh Hashanah prayers we say, 'Man's origin is from dust, and he returns to the dust. He risks his life to earn his bread.' What then is Rashi's cry in Lamentations?" He answers that man will occasionally risk his life to earn a living. But, when he must risk it all the time, that's a tragedy.

All of this brings us to Judy Resnik z.l., the gifted Jewish astronaut who asked a rabbi whether our religion approved of space travel. He answered that man has the right to search. He failed to see the larger problem. Does a person have the right to risk his life? One should not be in a hurry to answer such questions without studying Rabbi Felder's sefer.

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"Reasonable accommodation"

Govt. makes pledge on holidays

By
JEFF ROSEN

OTTAWA —

The federal government will attempt to accommodate employees whose religious holidays fall during the week, Justice Minister John Crosbie said in announcing the government's proposed equality laws last week.

"Keeping in mind the diversity of religious beliefs of Canadians and the Charter of Rights' commitment to the preservation of our multicultural heritage, the government accepts the objective of this recommendation — that is, the fair and equitable accommodation of religious observances that take place on days other than those provided for in general holidays under the Canadian Labor Code," Crosbie said, in outlining the wide-ranging document which proposes a number of changes to bring federal laws in line with section 15 of the Charter.

John Crosbie

Section 15 came into effect April 17, 1985 and says that everyone has the right not to be discriminated against on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability.

Crosbie said in most cases, legislation dealing with each of the recommendations brought forward in Equality For All — an all-party committee chaired by Conservative MP Patrick Boyer — would be introduced before the next election. Crosbie supports 61 of the 85 recommendations contained in the report, while deferring 14 for study and rejecting 10.

As well as dealing with religious minorities, the government's amendments deal with the following areas of law:

- Abolishing mandatory retirement at age 65 in the public service and consulting with private sector employees and labor unions in order to determine the most effective way to implement the proposal.
- Banning discrimination against homosexuals in all areas of federal jurisdiction, including the armed forces and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
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- **Making all federal buildings totally accessible to people in wheelchairs by 1995.**
- Changing immigration rules to allow Canadians citizens and permanent residents who have been in Canada at least three years to sponsor parents on the same basis.
- The government is committed to the appointment of more women and members of minorities to federal offices, agencies and crown corporations.
- Legislation will be introduced this year to provide for automatic splitting of credits under the Canadian Pension Plan between spouses when marriages break down.

Alan Rose, executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress, told The CJN that while he has not fully examined the government's proposals, he said Congress favors "getting on with implementing the changes.

"CJC has always been pressing hard in the areas raised," Rose said. "However the government still has a long way to go."

While accepting the recommendation of the Boyer report to allow people to take holidays in accordance with their religious beliefs, Crosbie stopped short of enshrining the recommendation in amendments to the Canada Labor Code and said there would be a number of obstacles to implementing this legislation.

Dealing with the issue of religious observances, the Boyer commission recommended that a provision be established to allow for a number of statutory holidays which would be taken by all employees and a number of floating statutory holidays that employees could take in accordance with their religious or personal beliefs.

Crosbie said that since most, if not all, enterprises under federal jurisdiction are closed on statutory holidays, it could cause hardship to employers if individuals were to substitute holidays and might create more widespread inequities for other employees.

"The government prefers the general approach of 'reasonable accommodation'...it would be reasonable accommodation to provide time off, if possible, for religious observances not now covered by the general holidays provided for under the Canada Labour Code," Crosbie told the House of Commons.

Les Scheininger, chairman of CJC Ontario Region, told The Canadian Jewish News that he would have preferred to see "specific legislation" in this area, rather than just a statement of intent.

"What's happening is that instead of changes, we're getting further delays," Scheininger said. "We're either entitled to benefit under section 15 or we're not. This is a watered-down attempt to comply with section 15."

Scheininger said he would have liked to see legislation enacted in the Human Rights Code or the appropriate statutes to give employees the right to take religious holidays as they fall.

"The government must provide leadership in this area," he said. "Instead, they are abdicating their role to the courts."

Crosbie said the matter of weekly days of rest which respect "freedom of conscience and religious beliefs" will be raised with his provincial counterparts, as well as with federal and provincial labor ministers.

Soviet attacks Israel fiercely

GENEVA (JTA) —

A fierce attack on Israel by a fist-pounding Soviet delegate who likened Zionism to neo-Nazism triggered an angry 3-way exchange putting Israel and the United States against the Soviet Union at a session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission here last week.

"We have never heard such harsh language and such blatant hate at this UN forum," said one Western delegate, referring to Soviet delegate Dimitri Bykov's tirade against Israel. The verbal warfare erupted in the course of a debate on measures against totalitarian ideologies and practices.

Representatives of Jewish non-governmental organizations attending the session said they could not recall when a Soviet delegate had been so openly anti-semitic and so unrestrained in his attacks on the U.S. as well as Israel.

Bykov alleged a spiritual, political and ideological relationship between facism and Zionism and accused Israel of practices in the Middle East that aped Hitler's laws and methods. He also charged that Jews helped Hitler to power and financed his war machine.

Ephraim Dubek, the Israeli delagate said he had never heard such virulent and vicious anti-semitism in the Palais des Nations, and doubled that even the Nazis resorted to such diatribes against Jews in the old League of Nations.

He said he thanked God the USSR has no common borders with Israel because the Soviets "would have no qualms to unleash their tanks and armor on Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, as they did in Budapest, Pragaue and Kabul and were on the verge of doing in Warsaw."

U.S. delegate Richard Schifter was drawn into the fray when Bykov accused the U.S. of harboring Nazi war criminals and allowing them to work for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. "That criticism from the Soviet Union comes with particular ill grace because the poisoned fruit of a system which one thought came to an end 40 years ago has sprouted new roots in that country."

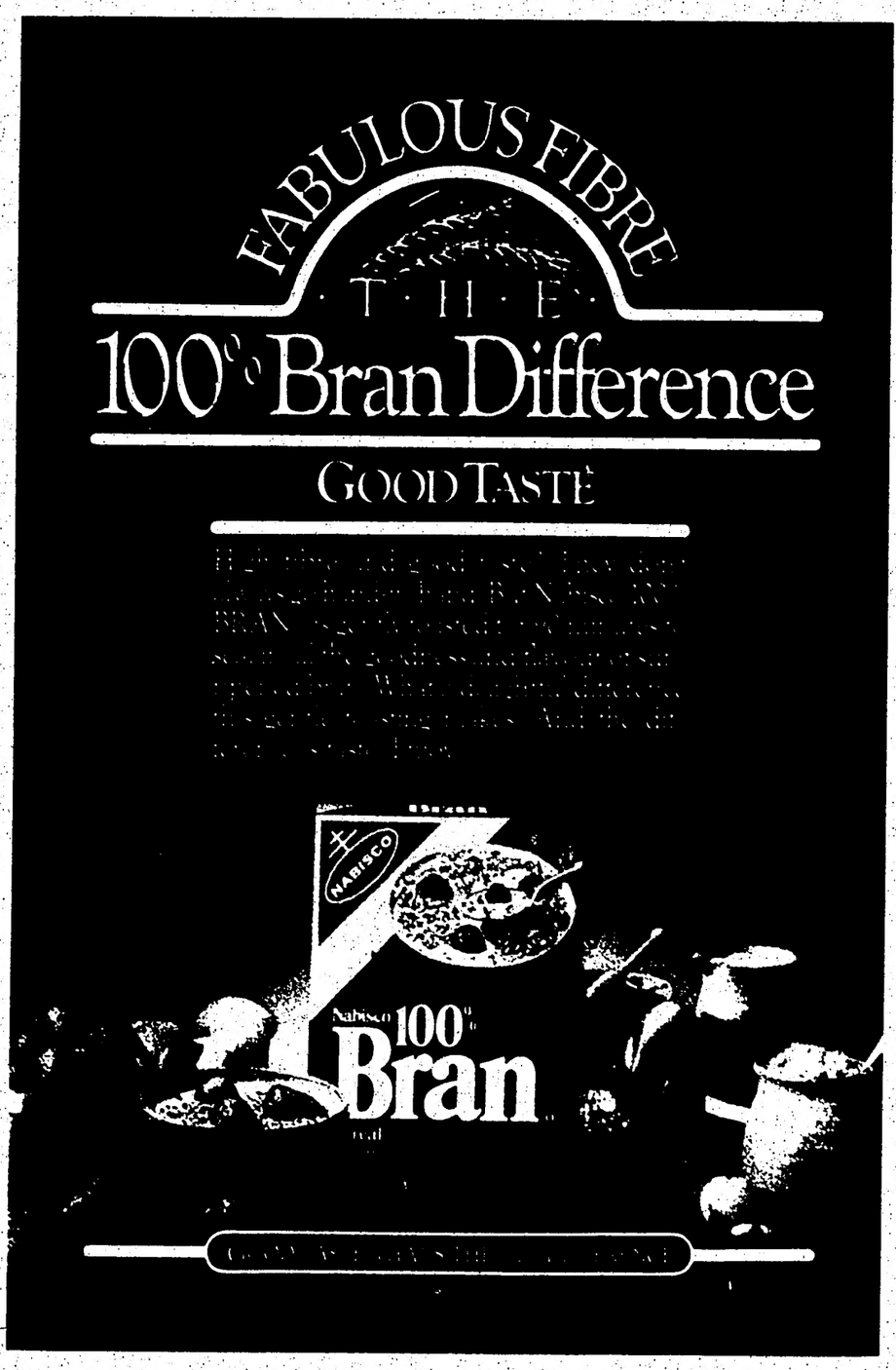
He noted that the U.S. is a free country where the spoken word was not a basis for punishment. Individuals found to have been Nazi war criminals are deported, he said and, recently one was extradited to Israel to stand trial.

Appleby named to CJF position

NEW YORK —

Toronto Jewish Congress president Ronald Appleby has been appointed chairman of the 1986 General Assembly Program Committee of the Council of Jewish Federations, council president Shoshana Cardin has announced. Appleby will continue to serve as a member of the CJF board of directors.

The Council of Jewish Federations is the national association of 200 Jewish Federations, the central community organizations that serve nearly 800 localities embracing a Jewish population of more than 5.7 million in the U.S. and Canada.



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Ontario legislation challenged

High Court weighs Sunday closing law appeals

By JEFF ROSEN & CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA — Ontario's contentious Retail Business Holidays Act governing Sunday shopping hours shifted from the political to the judicial arena as the Supreme Court of Canada heard the appeals of business owners charged for staying open Sunday.

Following three days of hearings last week, the Supreme Court heard and reserved judgment on the appeals of Longo Brothers Fruit Market, Edwards Books and Art Ltd. and furrier Paul Magder, after government lawyers representing every province but Prince Edward Island defended the 11-year-old law against charges that it violates the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion.

As well, the Ontario government appealed the acquital of Nortown Foods under the same law.

The Toronto food store was acquitted in September, 1984 by the Ontario Court of Appeal which ruled that it could remain open Sundays and employ as many people as necessary.

In its decision the Court of Appeal ruled that the provincial law limiting Nortown's Sunday operations was unconstitutional as it violated the Charter of Rights' guarantee of freedom of religon.

The court found the purpose of the law was secular, but its effect made it "more difficult and more costly to practice one's relgion."

In appealing the ruling, the Ontario government argued that freedom of religion means the freedom to hold and practice a religious belief without coercion and without fear of reprisal.

Magder's lawyer, Tim Danson, told The CJN that he was challenging the provincial law on three main grounds:

- Sunday shopping legislation has to do with morals and attitudes which can only be legislated by the federal government.
- **The act violates religious freedom under section 2 of the Charter of Rights, denies equality rights under section 15 and denies the right to life, liberty and the security of the person.**
- The violations are not justified under the charter.

Bonnie Wein, lawyer for the Ontario government, rejected the merchants' claim that the law violates the latter right, saying that the equality rights section was not in effect when the events prompting the prosecutions occurred and the law cannot be applied retroactively.

As the hearing began, Wein asked permission to place before the court 200 pages of submissions made to the Ontario Conservative task force on Sunday shopping.

The submissions, she said, would help demonstrate that social concern about Sunday shopping is "pressing and substantial."

However, Danson opposed the introduction of the submissions on the grounds they aren't representative. He said the submissions to the task force so far run contrary to findings in government polls showing that there is a good deal of support for Sunday shopping.

The court turned down Wein's request.

The lawyers for the retailers argued that the act limits consumers' choice, forces up prices and costs jobs Sunday shopping might create.

John Keefe, lawyer for Longo Brothers, said the Retail Business Holidays Act is so riddled with exceptions and requirements that it can't withstand a constitutional attack. He characterized the law as one of general discrimination.

"It dictates an entire lifestyle," said Danson.

Keefe asked the seven justices hearing the appeal to include a powerful new constitutional guarantee of equality before the law in their judgment.

He said his client and others couldn't be acquitted under section 15 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as they were all convicted of violating the law before the equality rights section came into force last April.

However, he said a ruling on the section and how it affects Sunday shopping would guide the provinces in chaning their laws to meet constitutional requirements.

Danson noted that the law might be hard to attack if it applied to manufacturers, civil servants and others. But it applied only to retailers, and even there was filled with inconsistencies.

"The act represents an unnecessary and unwarranted intrusion into the personal lives of the people of Ontario by regulating their Sunday consumption patterns," Danson told the court.

Ontario lawyers contended that the law provides workers and their families with a day of recreation.

Wein told the court that research done for the Ontario Law Reform Commission 20 years ago found that noise and pollution would increase if stores were allowed to open on Sunday.

She said the commission found that "people in Ontario are generally happier on Sunday" and added: "In my submission, that's because it's a day of rest.

"It would be extremely destructive to the family unit and its psychological wellbeing" to permit shopping, said Wein, quoting from the commission's findings.

Danson told the court to treat the law reform studies Wein quoted with caution as they date back to a day when beer was 25 cents.

He said it was unfair to present these studies as if they caught the current mood of the province when contemporary studies come to opposite conclusions.

Wein defended the exemptions in the provincial law and denied a sabbatarian exemption exists.

A provision which allows stores to remain open on Sunday if they have been closed for 24 hours in the period from 4 p.m. Friday to midnight Saturday has been characterized as such an exemption.

David Thomas, lawyer for the Seventh Day Adventist Church, an intervener in the case, pointed out the Jewish Sabbath begins at sundown Friday and ends at sundown Saturday.

"To say this isn't a sabbatarian exemption is to ignore the reality of our society," Thomas concluded.

Israeli given death sentence

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Yosef Dahan, an Israeli convicted of smuggling drugs into Egypt, has been sentenced to death by hanging by a Cairo court. He has 90 days to appeal the sentence and can also appeal to President Hosni Mubarak for pardon as a last resort.

Zvi Litsky, an Israeli attorney who was in court as an observer, said he would brief Egyptian lawyers on the case in an effort to seek a retrial. He didn't say on what grounds. Non-Egyptian lawyers cannot plead before Egyptian courts.

Dahan, who lived in Ashkelon with his wife and family, was arrested at Cairo Airport last August on his way home from India. A search of his luggage yielded 1.25 kilos of heroin. He told the court during his trial that he had intended to sell the drug in Israel. He flew to Cairo, he said, because he preferred to enter Israel via the land border where customs inspections are not as stringent as at Ben Gurion Airport.

Israeli officials have indicated they would try to intercede with Mubarak to have Dahan's sentence commuted to life imprisonment or, preferably, to have him extradited to Israel for trial where, if convicted, he could be sentenced to life.

The Cairo court imposed a $7,500 fine on Dahan, in addition to the death penalty, and ordered the confiscation of any property he may have in Egypt.

Dahan is presently on death row in a Cairo jail along with four Egyptians, a Sri Lankan and a Somali under death sentence for drug smuggling.

Rabbis to promote tourism

MONTREAL — Along with the usual homilies, some rabbis in synagogues across Canada will soon be preaching tourism to Israel as well. A delegation of Canadian rabbis has just returned from a visit to Israel where they were briefed on Operation Independence, a program launched in November, 1984, by the Israeli government to boost the economy.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres has asked Jewish leaders in the Diaspora to encourage trade with Israel and investment in its industries, as well as to promote tourism to Israel from their communities.

The Canadian rabbis met with Peres, President Chaim Herzog, Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir and other officials of Operation Independence.

They will cooperate with the State of Israel Bonds Organization, the Israel Tourism Office in Canada, and the Canadian steering committee for Operation Independence in the implementation of a program among Canadian synagogues to encourage the membership to visit Israel. The rabbis may lead congregational missions to Israel.

Tourism is an important part of Israel's economy. Each visitor spends a minimum of the equivalent of $1,000 in foreign currency in Israel. A record 1.5 million tourists visited Israel in 1985, an increase of 15% over the previous year. Tourism revenue totaled $1.5 billion U.S.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

The Jewish War Veterans was founded in New York by former Jewish combatants of the U.S. Civil War on March 15, 1896. The organization set precedents while pointing to the disproportionate participation of Jews in the soldiery of the world and its wars.

The JWV was the first general ex-servicemen's organization in modern times. The American Legion was not founded until 1919, the Disabled American Veterans group four years later, and the Catholic War Veterans in 1935.

The JWV was born as the Hebrew Union Veterans Organization. In 1917, it merged with the recently founded Hebrew Veterans of the War with Spain. In 1918, the name was Hebrew Veterans of the Wars of the Republic. Five years later it replaced the word Hebrew with Jewish, in sympathy with the Jewish Legion which operated in the Middle East. The group's name was shortened to its present form in 1929.

In 1954, the JWV moved its headquarters to Washington, which expanded to include a hall of heroes, museum, library, records and chapel. Its National Shrine to the Jewish War Dead is a popular attraction.

With more than 350 branches in the U.S., the JWV and its women's auxiliary operate service offices, a variety of programs for veterans and their dependents, and lobbies in issues involving defence, national security, discrimination and Arab anti-Israel propaganda.

The first JWV branch in Canada was started in Montreal, in 1969. The Toronto branch began about seven years later.

Facts and figures confirm the associated implication that Jews played a significant fighting role in their countries' armies when allowed to.

During the Civil War — when the Jewish population of the U.S. totaled less than 2,000,000 men, women and children — more than 8,000 Jews fought in the Northern armies. Seven were generals. Officers included 21 colonels, 40 majors, 205 captains, 325 lieutenants and 25 surgeons. Close to 1,500 Jews served in the Southern armies; Confederate secretary of war John Seddon was forced to cancel High Holiday leave for fear of depleting a number of entire commands. Jews were equally prominent in the American Revolution, the U.S.-Mexican wars, and the Spanish-American war.

In Europe, Jews started taking up arms for their countries from the time the ghetto walls crumbled. They fought on both sides in the Battle of Waterloo, and for independence with their fellow Italians at one end of Europe and Poles at the other.

In 1904, determined volunteer Joseph Trumpeldor astounded his superiors in the Russian army with his bravery during the Japanese attacks on Port Arthur. He lost an arm in the fighting — his disfigured form inspired a generation in Palestine much the way Moshe Dayan's would several decades later.

A total of 1,172,000 Jews served in all uniforms during World War I. The U.S. armed forces' 250,000 Jews represented 5% of the country's Jewish population; of the general populace, only 3% served. Some 250,000 Jews served Austria-Hungary. Of the 90,000 Jews in the German army, 11,500 were awarded the Iron Cross, and 12,000 were killed, more than the total Jewish casualties in all the Arab-Israeli wars. Half a million Jews served in the Russian army.

Close to half the foreign volunteers fighting Franco's Axis-bolstered troops in the Spanish Civil War were Jews. They were similarly represented in the French Foreign Legion, whose ranks were swelled in the late 1930s by refugees from Austria and Germany and veterans of Spain.

In WWII, the Soviet army included 100 Jewish generals and an air force commander; 124,000 Jewish officers and enlisted men were decorated for bravery in battle. About 1.4 million Jews were part of the Allied armies. Canada's 16,000 Jewish soldiers represented 7.5% of the country's 120,000 Jews.

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"Greatest mistake," says Nazi hunter

Demjanjuk case spurs criticism

By
JANICE ARNOLD

Country "has enough other problems today"

MONTREAL — The extradition of John Demjanjuk from the United States for prosecution in Israel as a Nazi war criminal in Israel is a serious error, according to the man who played a major role in the capture of Adolph Eichmann.

"I believe it would be the greatest mistake and a shame for Israel," said Tuviah Friedman, director of the Haifa-based Institute of Documentation in Israel for the Investigation of Nazi War Crimes.

He spoke in an interview just after the U.S. Supreme Court closed the way for Demjanjuk's extradition.

The court ruled that Demjanjuk, 65, who had been living in Cleveland since he entered the U.S. in 1952, could be extradited to Israel to stand trial for allegedly operating the gas chambers at the Treblinka death camp in Poland during the Second World War. He has been accused of participating in the murder of up to half a million Jews.

Demjanjuk, who worked as a diesel mechanic for the Ford Motor Co., will be the first alleged Nazi to be tried in Israel since Eichmann who was found guilty of being responsible for the "Final Solution" and executed in 1962.

Friedman was opposed to Demjanjuk's extradition not because he doubts he committed heinous crimes, but rather because it will "poison our life in Israel."

"First, it will take two years until the trial. During that time, we will be hearing about the Final Solution everyday in the newspapers, radio and television. It will open our wounds after 40 years — who needs it? Israel has enough other problems today."

Friedman also believes that Demjanjuk, if found guilty, would be sentenced to life imprisonment and not executed. He does not think the Israeli government today is prepared to take on the responsibility for the death of an elderly man. And keeping Demjanjuk in jail would guarantee that he would continue to be in the the news for the rest of his life.

Furthermore, said Friedman, the extradition of Demjanjuk will clear the way for more war criminal suspects of this ilk to be tried in Israel, and the issue could drag on for at least another 10 years.

Friedman uses the term "third-class" to describe the thousands of Ukrainian, Lithuanian and Estonian soldiers who were recruited by the Nazi SS to carry out the mechanics of the persecution and extermination of Jews.

The "second-class" were the officers of the Wehrmacht, and the "first-class" the SS and Gestapo, according to Friedman.

A "few thousand" such Baltic collaborators entered Canada and the U.S. after the war, said Friedman. After the Eichmann trial, he said, he asked that they be sent back to Germany or the Soviet Union for trial.

Today, he said this type of war criminal suspect should be prosecuted in Canada or the U.S. "Germany doesn't want to try any more Nazi war criminals and it's politically not possible for them to be sent to the Soviet Union now, even though they Soviets would love to have them."

Unfortunately, wherever they are put on trial, it is too late to punish these men, said Friedman. "All we can hope is that by bringing them to justice they will have to tell the truth and admit what what they did," said Friedman, who was in Montreal to give a lecture at McGill University on his 38 years as a Nazi hunter, sponsored by Hillel and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Friedman believes several "first-class" Nazi war criminals are still alive and at large. The worst among them are Heinrich Muller, chief of the Gestapo; Rolf Gunter, Eichmann's deputy in Berlin; and Richard Glucks, an SS chief of concentration camps.

Friedman is also not completely convinced that Josef Mengele is dead. To have prosecuted Mengele in Israel would have been a "pleasure," comparable to Eichmann's trial.

A Holocaust survivor from Poland who lost most of his family in the concentration camps, Friedman spent 15 years trying to track down Eichmann.

Although he had no official connection with the Israeli government and played no part in the actual capture of Eichmann in Argentina in 1960, Friedman is credited with arousing the conscience of Israel and convincing the government to send its intelligence agents to Buenos Aires to apprehend the war criminal.

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Sad phenomenon

"It is provocative thoughtlessness to demand normality in the German-Jewish relationship." That is what Hildergaard Hamm-Brucher, a Free Democrat in Bonn, said recently with regard to a resurgence of anti-semitism which has surfaced in West Germany in the last several months.

Ms. Hamm-Brucher is among those who believe that the efforts of Chancellor Kohl to normalize his country's relationship to its Nazi past have subtly encouraged people to vocalize long suppressed anti-Jewish sentiments.

Whatever the genesis of this ugly phenomenon its magnitude seems to be growing.

Within the past year, West Germans have become somewhat used to anti-semitic outbursts from representatives of the theatre, industry and politics.

Last November, Jewish pressure against a Frankfurt theatre's efforts to show a play described as anti-semitic occasioned national debate in West Germany. Thankfully, it was withdrawn.

Just before Prime Minister Peres visited Bonn, the Christian Democratic mayor of Korschenbroich, Count Wilderich von Spee, said that his town's budget could be balanced by the slaughter of "a few rich Jews."

The New York Times reports that when the mayor apologized perfunctorily "he was given a tumultuous reception by citizens who threw him bouquets of flowers."

The Times also reports that Paul Mikloz, a Jewish resident "was greeted with stony silence when he asked whether he might be the one who 'ought to be slaughtered.'"

An Israeli writer who spends a great deal of time in West Germany suggests that the legitimization of anti-semitism found among younger people has psychological roots.

Henryk M. Broder writes: "The sons cannot forever live with a demonic image of their own fathers in their hearts. They want to rehabilitate their fathers, de-demonize them, or at least be able to understand them. Therefore it is necessary to de-tabooize anti-semitism in favor of the fathers."

An interesting explanation of a sad phenomenon.

The cost of rehabilitation is too high.

Wealth of talent

We note with pleasure that Publishers Weekly, the Bible of the book industry, recently featured a 50-page supplement featuring Canadian publishing activities.

The supplement explored the publishing sector in both English and French Canada and examined the various problems confronted by that industry in this country.

The articles in Publishers Weekly (Feb. 28) highlighted the wealth of talent available in Canada. In advertisements and essay articles many of the younger Canadian men and women writers were introduced (probably for the first time) to American audiences.

It is instructive to point out that a number of Canadian Jewish writers are also mentioned in the editorial and advertising copy. David Bercuson, author of Canada and the Birth of Israel, Helen Weinzweig, the novelist who wrote Basic Black With Pearls and Morley Torgov, the Toronto memoirist are featured in the supplement.

Matt Cohen, the 44-year-old former Kingston resident, is the subject of a thumbnail sketch. The magazine reports that Cohen's new novel Nadine will be published in the fall of 1986.

A Cohen novel is always eagerly awaited by the Canadian reading public but his new one sounds especially fascinating. It tells the story of Dr. Nadine Santagel, an astronomer who visits Israel.

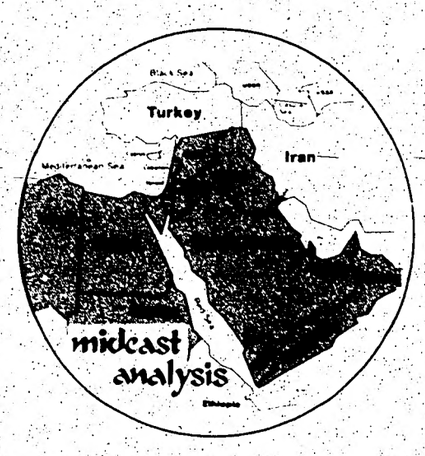
In Israel she is involved in an incident which leaves her wounded. A daughter of a Holocaust survivor, Nadine is examined by Cohen as he traces her life in Canada, Israel and France.

In addition to individual authors the Canadian supplement also contains references to publishers who have done much to invigorate the writing community in Canada. Malcolm Lester of Lester & Orpen Dennys is mentioned in this regard. The firm's encouragement of books on various aspects of Jewish history is, unfortunately, not mentioned.

It is nonetheless important that a major American publication has seen fit to devote so much space to a thorough survey of literary and intellectual creativity in this country.

Array of intimate links

Pact bolsters U.S.-Israel ties



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

For a while late last year, after the Jonathan Jay Pollard espionage scandal broke, there were fears in Jerusalem that the case would damage Israel's close strategic ties with the U.S.

Pollard, a Jewish American naval intelligence analyst, was charged with providing Israel with classified documents allegedly pertaining to Washington's relations with the Arab world and the Arabs' military capacity and readiness.

Israel, in an effort to staunch the strains which the Pollard incident precipitated, formally apologized, promised to disband the spy unit for which the young American worked and offered to return to the U.S. documents which he had reportedly stolen. Furthermore, in an amazing concession, Israel agreed to permit a team of U.S. investigators to question those Israelis who had been involved with Pollard.

Upon completing their task in the waning days of 1985, the Americans returned to Washington, "satisfied" with Israel's cooperation. Much to Israel's relief, the Reagan administration subsequently announced that the U.S. would resume normal intelligence collaboration with Israel.

Judging by the recent visit to Israel of Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the American Joint Chiefs of Staff, Israel's vital strategic relationship with the U.S. has indeed been resumed. If there had been any doubts in the White House about Israel, Crowe would definitely not have been dispatched for talks with his Israeli counterparts. For the moment at least, Israel seems to have weathered the Pollard scandal. At the same time, Israel is receiving record levels of aid from the U.S.

Israel's strategic ties with its super power ally, which were formalized in November of 1983 with the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU), are of the utmost importance to the Jewish state in military and economic terms. For a nation as militarily exposed and poor as Israel, MOU is proof that Israel has one reliable friend in this hostile world.

Obvious domestic considerations are but one reason why the U.S. has a special relationship with Israel. More to the point, Israel is seen as a strong, stable and trustworthy bastion of Western bourgeois values in a region rife with tubulence and anti-Americanism. That Washington may have hoped to moderate certain Israeli policies by dangling MOU in front of Israel does not deter from its fundamental significance as an American interest.

In the two years and some odd months since MOU came into existence, Israel and the U.S. have greatly expanded the nature of their strategic cooperation. And they have been able to do so despite policy disagreements over the nature of an Arab-Israeli peace agreement, the presence of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories and the question of possible U.S. arms sales to Jordan and Saudi Arabia. That this has been possible must surely mean that U.S. and Israeli interests are essentially in accord. No one, of course, can predict whether this state of affairs can last indefinitely. It is not inconceivable that the U.S., for reasons of its own, might one day distance itself from Israel strategically. Observers well remember that Washington's first strategic cooperation pact with Israel was suspended in 1981, just days after it was signed, following Israel's de facto annexation of the Golan Heights.

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The memorandum of understanding has been translated into a variety of practical ways.

Washington's decision to send U.S. soldiers injured in the terrorist attack on Marine headquarters in Beirut to hospitals in Europe rather than to Israel caused a row in both countries. As a result of the furore, Israel and the U.S. reached an agreement to use each other's medical facilities in emergencies. In June of 1984, the two held their first joint exercise to practice the evacuation of wounded American servicemen from ships in the Sixth Fleet to Israeli hospitals.

The U.S. has underwritten much of the Lavi aircraft program. The Lavi, a cross between the F-4 Phantom and the Kfir, is intended to strengthen the Israeli air force, the key to Israel's security.

Further production costs for the Lavi, which is expected to roll off the assembly line in 1990, will be about $500 million. Seventy American companies have been awarded 99 Lavi-related contracts worth $710 million.

Under the rubric of MOU, the defence ministers of Israel and the U.S., Caspar Weinberger and Yitzhak Rabin, signed a deal in 1984 permitting Israel to compete directly in the American market in sales of military hardware.

The 5-year pact, which enlarges the scope of an earlier agreement, provides for operational and technical military cooperation in research and development and data exchange and scientist-engineer exchange programs.

It also calls for the U.S. to buy $100 million worth of Israeli goods in the first quarter of every year so as to offset Israeli purchases of American weaponry.

Another spinoff of MOU is the free trade agreement (FTA). Intended to eliminate all tariffs between the two countries within a decade, it is the first free trade agreement signed by the U.S. with any nation.

FTA will give Israel unbridled access to the vast American market. The Israelis think their exports to the U.S. will increase by about $2 billion annually for the next few years. For Israel's ailing economy, this is excellent news.

Israel and the U.S. cooperate in other areas as well.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres has allowed the Reagan administration to build a Voice of America transmitter on Israeli soil whose broadcasts will be beamed to the Soviet Union. Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty will be able to broadcast programs over its frequency.

Israel's strategic relationship with the U.S. has grown in the past 2½ years. Here Prime Minister Shimon Peres and American Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberg exchange views in Jerusalem. [IPPA photo]

On a visit to Israel in February of 1985, U.S. Secretary of the Navy John Lehman announced in Jerusalem that Israel and the U.S. would coproduce three diesel-powered submarines at a cost of $350 million, and that the U.S. navy might spend as much as $300 million to upgrade the Haifa shipyard for the production of the subs.

Lehman also agreed to lease from Israel two squadrons of Kfir jet bombers. The 24 Kfirs, which are stationed in Virginia, have been used to simulate Soviet MIG-21s in practice dogfights.

Two months later, Lehman said that "the naval defence of Israel is important to the United States." He made this statement after Israeli and American naval forces engaged for the first time in a joint anti-submarine exercise.

Lehman has stepped up Sixth Fleet visits to Israeli ports, and today the Sixth Fleet carries out major repairs for its vessels in Haifa and buys hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of fresh vegetables and fruits from vendors there.

Israel has been invited to participate in the Strategic Defence Inititative (Star Wars), and the Israeli government is interested.

Israel's new space agency has signed a cooperation agreement with NASA — the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

With the 1973 Arab oil embargo as a backdrop, Israel and the U.S. have begun joint research on ways to extract oil from shale and change coal into alternative fuels.

Observers believe that all these agreements have further strengthened Israel's intimate links with the U.S. Critics argue that they have rendered Israel alarmingly dependent on Washington. Whatever the truth is, historians someday may look back and say that the 1983 memorandum of understanding was one of the watersheds in Israel's relationship with the U.S.

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Opinion

Search for justice must pervade war criminal issue

The activities of the Deschenes Commission studying Nazi war criminals in Canada has created no shortage of controversy. In these extracts from an address to the Parliamentary Study Group on the Canadian Nazi War Criminal Inquiry, DAVID MATAS, lawyer for the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada, deals with some of the issues surrounding the Commission.

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What I want to point out to you is that there has been, for non-legal reasons, virtually total inaction for 40 years about allegations of Nazi war criminals in Canada.

Since the end of the war, the only exception to the government policy of inaction was the arrest, in 1982, and the extradition in 1983 of Albert Helmut Rauca to West Germany, 31 years after he entered Canada. The Deschenes Commission of Inquiry is the first systematic attempt since World War II to come to grips with the issue of Nazi war criminals in Canada.

The history of inactivity begins with a telegram dated July 13, 1948 from the Commonwealth Relations Office of the government of the UK to the governments of the Commonwealth, including Canada, proposing the end of Nazi war crimes trials in the UK zone of occupied Germany. The telegram said "punishment of war criminals is more a matter of discouraging future generations than of meting out retribution to every guilty individual . . . it is now necessary to dispose of the past as soon as possible."

My own reaction to that telegram is that it is hard to see how we can discourage future generations by letting the guilty go free. If we really believe in deterrence for the future, we must arrest, try and convict those who have committed crimes in the past.

The next incident in this story is the allegations about Mengele in 1962. An informant told the Ontario Provincial Police, in January, 1962, that a man named Joseph Menke, residing in Washington, Ont., was really Joseph Mengele, the Nazi war criminal. The OPP in turn informed the RCMP, and the RCMP simply did not know what to do. To the dismay of the OPP, the RCMP did nothing.

A request by the RCMP to government about what to do with this person in Washington, Ont., if he were indeed Mengele, created a tizzy within the Government.

Internal government memoranda released through the Access to Information Act tell a revealing story. According to these memoranda, one senior official opposed any opening of an investigation because "it smacks very strongly of a witch hunt." The Mengele case, and one other case being considered, were, in the words of the memorandum, "brought to light in what looks like a spirit of revenge instigated by Jews." In the view of John A. Donald, of External Affairs, the author of this memorandum, "anti-Jew baiting by the Jews is just as reprehensible as Jew baiting by the Nazis." Donald added that, in his view, the interest of the Jewish community in the pursuit of war criminals should not be allowed to carry any weight. Other officials of external affairs took the same view.

The Canadian record in the prosecution of Nazi war criminals is one of inaction, writes lawyer David Matas.

I reject the notion that the search for Nazi war criminals is a witch hunt. There are, after all, no witches. What is wrong with a witch hunt is that it is looking for something that is not there. There are, on the other hand, Nazi war criminals and Nazi war crimes. To equate the search for Nazi war criminals with a witch hunt is a form of Holocaust denial. It is suggesting the criminals do not exist.

Secondly, it is wrong to equate the desire for justice with the desire for revenge. Vigilantism would be revenge. Asking the Canadian legal system to bring murderers to trial is not revenge. It is the pursuit of simple justice.

Referring to the prosecution of Nazi war criminals as anti-Jew baiting is a travesty of logic. There is all the difference in the world between prosecuting for a crime and persecuting someone because of his religion.

It is wrong to say that the beginning of justice of Nazi war criminals is in the interest of the Jewish community alone. It is the interests of society as a whole. A society that thinks of murder as solely a private matter between the murderer and the family of the victim is a society not governed by law.

The notion that the presence of Nazi war criminals in Canada has nothing to do with Canada flies in the face of international and our own international statements. Canada, at the UN, has said that the prosecution of war crimes and crimes against humanity constitutes a universal commitment for all states.

Whatever the logic of the arguments used by officials at the time, they did have results. The result was a virtual do-nothing policy.

Before any final decision was made about what that policy should be, the RCMP visa control office in West Germany wrote to the U.S. forces in West Germany asking for descriptive information about Mengele, his wife and son, including fingerprints and photographs.

It was the U.S. reply to this request that Sol Littman obtained under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act and that led him to speculate that Mengele had applied to come to Canada from Argentina. In view of the fact that Mengele was thought to live in Argentina in 1962 and that 95% of Canadian visa office requests for information have to do with immigrants coming to Canada, Mr. Littman's speculation was a perfectly reasonable one at the time it was made.

A "cautious and confidential" investigation had led in 1967 to the conclusion that the person in Washington, Ont., was not Joseph Mengele. Indeed, by the time the investigation was done the person was no longer in Washington, Ont., but outside of Canada, in West Germany.

That is not the end of the Mengele story. The RCMP, in their policy manual, had, up to that point, no policy on Nazi war criminals. As a result of the questioning around the Mengele investigation, they formed one — to do nothing. A policy dated Sept. 18, 1962, referred to the possibility that individuals or organizations might attempt to employ the force as an investigational agency for war crimes. The RCMP directive was that, unless otherwise instructed by headquarters, investigations into allegations about war criminals "are not" to be conducted by the force.

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This policy of the RCMP not to investigate, this belief of the government that Canadian courts had no jurisdiction over war crimes remained in effect until Robert Kaplan became solicitor-general in 1980. Kaplan was committed to bringing Nazi war criminals in Canada to justice, and undertook a number of initiatives.

He toured Western Europe asking the governments of those countries to request extradition from Canada of any Nazi war criminals they believed might be here. He rewrote the war criminal policy in the RCMP manual so that it said "upon receipt of information that a suggested war criminal is in Canada, an investigation shall be conducted to substantiate the information." He set up an investigative unit within the RCMP to investigate allegations of Nazi war criminals in Canada.

These initiatives by the solicitor-general led to a counterreaction. An interdepartmental committee was set up in 1980, under the chairmanship of Martin Low of the department of justice, in the words of Martin Low "to reconcile any differences that might have existed" on the issue of Nazi war criminals, or, in my words, to bring Robert Kaplan into line.

The committee's memorandum argued that nothing could be done to bring Nazi war criminals in Canada to justice. To argue that proposition, any contrary law, any contrary precedents, any contrary arguments were simply omitted.

The report may not have been done with the intent of squelching Kaplan and bamboozling the cabinet. But that certainly had to be the effect of what the committee was doing. The cabinet is, after all, not a body with technical knowledge of international law. By writing the sort of report they did, the committee, in effect, painted the cabinet in a corner and gave them one option only: do nothing.

The final incident in this history I wish to mention is the attack by Ivan Whitehall, the government of Canada Lawyer, on Sol Littman, at the Deschenes Commission. Because Littman had speculated that Mengele had applied to come to Canada from Argentina in 1962, Whitehall accused Littman of making unfounded allegations that no reasonable person would make.

Whatever the intent of the attack on Mr. Littman, the impression it left was that it was an attack on the concerns that led to the creation of the commission, and, as a result, an attack on the commission itself. It was particularly inappropriate that such an attack came from the government representative, when the government has done so little through the years to come to grips with the issue of Nazi war criminals.

Well that is the historical record, a record of inactivity, of obstruction of justice, of obfuscation of the law, of destruction of documents. It is that history from which I ask you to divorce yourself. I would delay and avoid and obstruct, but instead do what you can to ensure that, before it is too late, the administration of justice be allowed to function to bring Nazi war criminals in Canada to justice.

One of the concerns I have heard expressed is that the Deschenes Commission is focusing on Ukrainians and Baltic nationals.

The simple answer to that is: it isn't. The Commission is comprehensive in scope considering all allegations and following all leads, equally. It is not emphasizing allegations about some people and neglecting leads about others.

This focus of the Deschenes Commission does not mean that government or parliamentary action must be limited to Nazi war criminals. Any suggestions for legislative change that the League for Human Rights has made has been comprehensive in nature, applying to all war crimes, all crimes against humanity. We need to be comprehensive not only to deal with other war crimes, but also if we wish to be credible in dealing with Nazi war crimes. A prosecution policy that focuses only on Nazi war crimes to the neglect of other war crimes is a policy of selective prosecution.

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The last point I want to deal with is the question of national unity. What is the effect of the Nazi war criminal issue on the national fabric?

To my mind, this whole debate about Nazi war criminals can be handled in such a way as to contribute national unity. The worst possible result, from the perspective of national unity would be that the murderers of one group would be left unpunished because of the supposed pressure from another group.

A systematic policy to probe allegations about Nazi war criminals in Canada can dispel the rumors and the suspicions. Instead of the widely fluctuating estimates of murderers, we would know how many there were, and who they were. Until a working policy is put in place we are left with the fears and doubts. When the guilty go free, there is nothing to distinguish them from the innocent, and the innocent come under suspicion.

I see a parallel between Ukrainian-Jewish relations and the history of anglophone/francophone relations.

The Ukrainian and Jewish communities, too, at least at the organizational level, have been functioning as two solitudes. There has been virtually no organizational contact between the two communities. We are now going through trying times with some heated exchanges as the result of initial contacts. But the result here, too, I believe will be a better understanding by each community of the other and a more united Canada.

As Canadians, we must all face the problems that confront us and view them not from an ethnic perspective or a religious perspective, but from a Canadian perspective. If we ask ourselves what justice requires, rather than what any group wants, we cannot go wrong.

Give Scharansky choice about holding the torch

By
ELAINE KAHN

I would like to be pardoned for writing about Anatoly Scharansky, because I can't necessarily do better or more than others have in the many many stories about him and Avital since his release from Russia.

I am writing about Scharansky, at risk of reader ennui, because I feel that not to mark the event would be irresponsible.

There is no doubt that, in the months and years ahead, the Scharansky story will be the basis of movies, TV mini-series and books, playing up the extraordinary love story, the "spy" story, the real and symbolic confrontation between East and West. Perhaps I am writing out of fear that the gut story of the Jewish fight against tyranny and oppression will be lost in the shuffle.

Undoubtedly I am writing out of concern lest now, with our most prominent symbol safely and joyously in Israel, we forget to extrapolate from the Scharansky ordeal to the ordeal of good people anywhere in the world who are allowed to live a peaceful "normal" life anywhere in the world they wish to.

Partly I am writing as a personal act of teshuvah, because my support for oppressed Soviet and Syrian Jewry in the past four years has been nothing more active than writing out checks. I am often embarrassed that I cannot bring myself to participate in protest marches of any kind. Our tradition teaches that it is not important just to do the right thing, but to be seen to do the right thing. Signing checks or petitions is, for me, both private and comfortable. I am not sure that isn't just another way of saying "selfish."

I was most deeply involved with a synagogue youth movement during the late 60s, when the plight of Soviet Jewry was a very hot issue for the first time. In fact, I heard so much about the Jews of silence that, God forgive me, I became bored. It was another 10 years before I was able to really feel the connection between the family I lost in the Holocaust, because they couldn't get out of Europe, and the Jews lost metaphorically or destroyed physically in the Soviet Union.

For the next while, I wrote five Refusenik families. Of course, I never got letters back, but one brave man managed to scrawl a tiny "shalom" in Hebrew onto the postal registration card that was returned to me. I read in the paper once that two of the families were allowed to leave Russia. Those were exciting moments.

It is difficult right now not to be thinking of Avital Scharansky as a latter-day Esther, pleading with kings and princes to let her people live. For surely what began as her effort of love and devotion on behalf of one man turned into a symbol for the fight as a whole.

More speculative is the thought of Anatoly as a modern Moses, who, given time to rest and regain his health, will begin to campaign everywhere to let his people go. Organizations around the world will be begging him to speak to them — the rubber chicken circuit definitely beckons.

I just hope we are sensitive enough to give him the choice. Surely he deserves to decide to pass the torch to others if he wishes. And we have no choice but to take it up.

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Opinion

Angered by Science Council cuts

Smith calls for new Canadian industrial strategy

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

OTTAWA —

The ironic contrast didn't escape Stuart Lyon Smith's attention.

On the day last year David Peterson was sworn in as the first Liberal premier of Ontario in more than 40 years, the federal cabinet administered a stunning blow to Smith, the former leader of Ontario's Liberal Party.

Smith, chairman of the Science Council of Canada, became the victim of a general multi-billion dollar cost-cutting campaign as the Conservative government slashed his annual operating budget from $4.9 million to $2.5 million and trimmed his staff from 68 to 30.

Smith, who had also been leader of the Ontario opposition for five years, has no regrets he left politics in 1982 to accept the chairmanship of the Science Council, an independent governmental advisory body established to alert Ottawa — and Canadians — to the importance of science and technology.

But, when Minister of Science Tom Siddon gave Smith the bad news regarding the budget, he couldn't help but feel "a little envious" about Peterson's good fortune.

Asked if he could have been in Peterson's shoes had he labored on in politics for just three more years, Smith said no. His assessment is that William Davis, the Conservative premier, would not have resigned had he, Smith, been spearheading the opposition. The Conservatives, he explained in an interview on a recent frosty morning in this snowbound city, underestimated Peterson's appeal and paid dearly for their error in judgment.

Whatever regrets Smith may have about having missed out on being premier are tempered by the knowledge that he formulated several important Liberal policies and recruited two of the ministers presently sitting in the provincial cabinet.

A boyish 47-year-old psychiatrist by training, Smith authored and/or promoted policies banning extra billing by doctors and protecting the environment from acid rain and chemical spills. As well, he brought into politics talented people like Ian Scott, the attorney-general, and Elinor Caplan, the minister of government services.

Born in Montreal, and a graduate of McGill University, Smith got into politics in 1975 after leaving his job at Hamilton's St. Joseph Hospital and running successfully for Hamilton West's legislative seat.

In 1976, Smith was chosen as the Liberals' first Jewish leader. And in the following year, after the NDP faltered in the election, he found himself leading the opposition.

Commenting on his chief contribution to the Liberals, Smith said he resisted pressures to move the party to the right and thereby forestalled the possibility that it would be "squeezed out of the center" by the NDP and the Conservatives.

With a year left in his chairmanship of the Science Council, Smith disclaimed any interest in running for political office again in the near future. "I've done my stint in public life and gone through three elections. It was a sacrifice, and I'm not prepared to make that sacrifice again," said Smith, who, as a politician, regularly put in a 70-hour week. "I got as much out of politics as I gave to it. The books are now balanced."

However, he would have "no objection" to serving Premier Peterson in an advisory capacity. Peterson, he said, hasn't "consulted" him as yet. But he's chatted with him, his ministers and their aides.

The father of two, Smith said he is not certain whether he wishes to stay on at the Science Council. For that matter, he is not even sure whether the chairmanship will be offered to him for a second 5-year term. "The situation is now in a state of suspension," he observed.

When he joined the Science Council, he believed he was taking on a crucial challenge. His job, as he saw it, was to arrest Canada's gradual decline as an economic power. It was his thesis that, unless Canadian industry moved into a new age based on state-of-the-art technological development and thorough scientific research, Canada would suffer.

"I thought the Science Council was the place where such ideas could be explored. That's happened, but the cutbacks have affected us."

In recalling last year's massive budgetary rollback, Smith is frankly bitter and angry. Claiming the cabinet made the decision in just 30 seconds, he described it as "a shortsighted and stupid move on the part of the government." Smith realizes that there were those in the cabinet who wanted to eliminate the Science Council altogether, but he thinks that the cuts, nevertheless, were "a ludicrous compromise."

Stuart Smith

As a result, he was forced to drop a few of his favorite projects and to fire valued members of his staff. The firings, he disclosed, made him "a great many enemies."

Contemplating those dark days, Smith mused: "It was terrible, but what alternative did I have? I could have walked away, but someone else would have handed the council right over to the government. I fought to retain the council's independence."

Smith said he is not interested "in fighting" the government. "There would be no purpose to it." He looks at the bright side: "In a way, the cuts gave me the opportunity to redesign the organization to make it more streamlined."

Right now, Smith said, the Science Council is working on a handful of major projects dealing with topics like the role of universities in Canada's economic development, free trade, water policy, soil degradation and, last but not least, Canada's economic potential.

Holding forth on one of his most oft-repeated themes, Smith warned that Canada will fall into gradual economic decline unless "we add new elements to our economy."

Canada, he said, built a manufacturing sector on the basis of its natural resources, which provided a high standard of living for Canadians. "But new technology means this traditional strategy won't work anymore. We must modernize our industry so that it can fight effectively for the home market and, more importantly, can compete for new markets abroad. Technology is a vital factor in this change."

In his view, an advanced nation like Canada can only enter the brave new world of high technology "by producing the kinds of products that the newly industrializing countries cannot themselves produce but which they will want to consume."

Citing examples, Smith referred to satellite-based telecommunications systems, laser cutting tools, electronically-operated machinery, information storage systems, modern medical devices and new diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceuticals.

"Unfortunately, Canadian manufacturing rarely enters these new innovative areas. We tend to import most of the products that are based on up-to-the-minute research and new knowledge. New technology therefore makes our manufacturing sector more vulnerable to overwhelming foreign competition."

What can Canada do?

"We must agree on the need to diversify our economy. We must set targets for improving our international trade performance in modern goods and services. Government must support the training of experts and the performance of excellent research at our universities, and ensure that all our businesses, traditional and modern, have the information they require to become competitive and up-to-date in their products, their equipment and their management."

According to Smith, "enormous benefits await Canadians who are ready to participate in the new opportunities brought about by the advance of science and technology."

He added: "What we need is the courage and the leadership to accept our changed circumstances and use them as a springboard to greater achievements."

This, essentially, is the message Smith delivers when he addresses business, academic and science groups across the country.

For the first 2½ years of his tenure at the Science Council, he made from 150 to 200 speeches annually. But of late, partly because his family now lives with him in Ottawa and partly because of the turmoil engendered by the budget cuts, he has slowed his pace.

Today, in line with the hours of any typical senior executive, Smith works a 50-55 hour week. Infrequently, he lectures at Hamilton's McMaster University on the impact of technology on medicine and psychiatry.

Smith, who has written papers on subjects ranging from severe mood and sexual disorders to food cravings and premenstrual problems, has kept up with psychiatric literature despite the demands of his job. "I know what's happening in the field, but if I were to open a practice tomorrow, I'd need a few months to brush up."

He said he would seriously consider returning to psychiatry. "It meets all the criteria that are important to me. My desire is to do work I'm good at and enjoy and that pays roughly what I'm earning now." Smith's yearly salary is in excess of $75,000.

If he does not in fact turn to psychiatry, Smith would feel comfortable running a corporation, he said.

Smith's wife, Patricia, 43, recently completed her bar admission course, and has accepted a job with a prominent Ottawa law firm. "It's exciting, a new stage for her. It's wonderful to be starting a new career at what used to be called middle age. We're all proud of her."

Tanya, their 18-year-old daughter, is at McGill, while Craig, 16, attends high school in Ottawa.

Smith, who was president of the McGill Students Society 26 years ago, lived in Montreal until 1967, where he had a position in the Montreal General Hospital. During Canada's Expo 67 year, he took a job as a professor of psychiatry at McMaster. In Hamilton, he was also head of the inpatient department in St. Joseph Hospital's psychiatry department.

His parents, Moe (formerly the general manager of a textile plant) and Nettie, still reside in Montreal's NDG neighborhood.

Athletically built, Smith is an avid tennis player and cross-country skiier. Community-minded, he sits on the board of trustees of Ottawa General Hospital, and is involved in the public service sector of the United Jewish Appeal.

Three years away from his 50th birthday, he has had a full life, and hopes the future will be as generous to him as it has been till now.

Environment highly conducive

Wife battery problem grows in Israel

By
RON CSILLAG

According to recent reports in a number of North American Jewish newspapers, a worrisome problem has emerged of late in Israel and it's one many Israelis would probably rather not face up to.

A few years ago, when former Knesset member Marcia Friedman raised the issue of battered and abused wives in Israel, she was roundly derided by her fellow parliamentarians. No one even wanted to acknowledge the problem existed. Israeli men — good, Jewish men — beating their wives? It seemed impossible.

Yet Israel falls into the same category as do almost all other western, industrialized countries when it comes to wife battery. In Canada, for example, one in 10 wives or women cohabitating with a man is beaten or abused.

According to the New Israel Fund, a U.S.-based outfit that funds a variety of Israeli social programs, the figure, unhappily, is the same for Israel. In numbers, it translates, conservatively, into 50,000 *reported* cases annually. How many more cases go unreported is impossible to ascertain. Some researchers say as many as 75,000 women in only 20% of Israeli families are abused, with more than 85% of Israeli women who seek counseling reporting physical abuse at home.

Today, Israel at least knows better than to ignore the problem.

There are four centres for battered women in the country, located in Jerusalem, Ashdod, Haifa and Herzliya and they are all thriving. Their addresses are not publicized in order to keep angry, sometimes Uzi-toting husbands from looking for their runaway wives.

When the first cases of wife abuse were reported in Israel, experts were puzzled. Israel was, after all, a Jewish state built on Jewish principles, not the least of which were the sanctity of the family and the pursuit of *shalom bayit* — domestic tranquility. Being Jewish and beating your wife seemed incongruous.

Today, the sociologists have answers. Life in Israel is tense, to say the least, with the country perennially on the brink of war, with a teetering economy and surrounded by hostile neighbors. To top it off, while unemployment, one of the chief causes of wife abuse in the West, is low in Israel, housing is so scarce that it is being blamed for much of the tension between couples. By any standard, it is an environment highly conducive to wife battering.

Cultural differences among spouses

Evelyn Sommers, executive director of the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) is a leading authority on the phenomenon. In a telephone interview with The CJN, she gave many different reasons for wife abuse in Israel, as opposed to elsewhere. For one thing, Israel is a country with a vast ethnic mix, with many more people from alien cultures arriving daily.

There are Western, Ashkenazi Jews, North African Sephardi Jews, Oriental Jews, Ethiopian Jews, recent Soviet emigres and so on, Sommers explained. Each brings a very different interpretation of what is alright at home and many wind up intermarrying with Sabras and with each other.

"In a lot of these families, the husband is king and the woman suddenly finds herself in the 20th century," Sommers explained. Wife battery, she added, has emerged as "a very serious problem."

In the North African community, she went on, daughter abuse has become a problem because girls as young as 13 in these homes already want to leave and regularly rebel against arranged marriages.

In addition to the shelters for battered women, Israel recently opened a counseling centre for men who batter. The Na'amat Centre for Family Violence was the country's first outpatient facility for husbands and boyfriends who abuse their mates. Other such groups have been set up in Herzliya and there is one in Jerusalem called Al Alim (Be Not Violent).

Because Israel was slow to wake up to the problem, remedies are slow in coming. The 1953 Israeli Marriages and Divorce Law could, to this day, deprive a woman of her rights and sometimes her children, should she leave her husband. A woman leaving her husband would also violate religious law and further complicate divorce proceedings.

To make matters worse, religious law says a woman can ask for a divorce but only a man can grant one. And there's always the rabbinic propensity for sending a woman back home under almost any circumstances for the sake of maintaining the peace.

The religious courts, which have sole control over divorce in Israel, are unabashedly pro-male. In the past five years, for instance, they have allowed 91 Israeli men to take a second wife after the first refused to grant a divorce. In one case, they allowed a man to take a second wife because his first bore daughters but no sons.

However, even the thinking of the Rabbinical Court (Beth Din) is changing. Today, a woman fleeing her husband is seen less and less as a criminal, thanks largely to the work being done by such women's groups as the Israeli Women's Lobby and Isha L'isha (Woman to Woman).

And Sommers notes that even the existence of the shelters is a sign of improved relations with the government and police.

But Israeli women still face their biggest battle: trying to urge Israel's Chief Rabbis to show equality to women seeking divorce, especially from abusive husbands.

Opinion

Zaidies and bubbies become transformed

Let's celebrate my successful escape from Florida

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My highly esteemed and much beloved friends — you have no idea how happy I am to have escaped successfully from my Florida confinement and to be, once again, with you in body and spirit. It's great!

J.B. Salsberg

After all, who needs Florida when there are so many sunny, warmhearted people like you to embrace every week in this exclusive and privileged corner? After all, southern Florida is, in final analysis, only an aberration of nature on the southern tip of North America. It is a topsy-turvy world.

Little wonder that such an unnatural state of affairs has a shocking effect on its native population that is also a human mishmash that has, thus far, produced a social pattern of living that bewilders all who come there from well-ordered areas of the world. That such incongruities of nature and social behavior also affects the visitors from stable societies goes without saying. But, as is my incurable habit, there is need for a foreword before we plunge into the sea of evidence in order to prove my contentions.

The truth is that I need at least a dozen columns to do justice to what I observed, experienced and was involved in during my last, the fourth, of my visits to the bewildering scenes of what I like to call the Florida phenomenon. But, such a prolonged occupation of this space could be hazardous to my reputation.

There are the humorless few of our massive readership who feel unhappy and deprived if I don't deal with heavy, weighty, challenging and world-shaking issues. "What has happened to the Salsberg we knew in the distant past?" they ask with amazement. In time, I believe, they too will learn the effectiveness of humor and satire in the process of righting wrongs, destroying pretentiousness and promoting goodwill and tolerance.

So I want to assure them that I have no intention of devoting more than a few columns to the amazing world of Jewish Florida and then we shall tackle the heavy subjects. OK? Thanks, my zealous friends. Be assured that the big, the overriding issues will not disappear. They will wait for our unfailing guidance . . .

Now for some evidence of the negative, debilitating and (if I can coin a word) decivilizing influences that Floridian society has on people, including Jews, of advanced and properly-ordered societies, such as ours is, after only a month's exposure to Florida's influence.

When I left Toronto, the few hundred passengers who had gathered in the embarkation area were models of civilized living. They all wore proper clothing — well-tailored suits, ties and scarfs, dresses, topcoats, hats and, of course, leather shoes and even rubbers. They behaved alertly, intelligently. One was happy to be associated with such a civilized assemblage of our society.

But only one month later I couldn't recognize most of the same people with whom I was crowded together in an enclosure of the Fort Lauderdale airport on my return trip. I was moved to tears by what I saw. My fellow passengers no more resembled the lovely people I met at our Toronto departure than shrieking and howling hockey fans would resemble congregants at a Yom Kippur service.

Not a man wore a topcoat. Not a man wore a jacket. Not a person wore a tie. All seemed to wear multicolored, loose-hanging shirts open at the neck. Almost all were shamelessly wearing every sort of colored jeans, sloppy slacks, rugby pants and with a predominance of unpressed, spotted, white (or what was once white) pants that covered their legs and were held together at their ample waists.

The women were no better. I couldn't spot a dress or a skirt in the entire assemblage of the "fairer sex." All (or almost all) wore very loose or very tight trousers of every color of the rainbow. Their blouses were of the same variety. Most, males and females, wore white footwear.

What's worse, they — of both genders — walked indifferently, purposelessly, lazily.

Most of the once well-dressed, purposeful Jewish zaidies and bubbies had undeniably been transformed by the Florida influence into species of another civilization. Most of them, who during their pre-Florida days would rather have chosen death than be seen in their present attire on Bathurst St. or even in their backyards were totally unmindful of their present devastating appearance. Nor did they seem concerned with what their children and grandchildren would think of them when they met at the airport back in Canada.

All the way back I was murmuring to myself: Gather all ye good people and behold what lamentable metamorphosis Florida has wrought of our normally nice, civilized, well-dressed, well-behaved and well-mannered senior citizens, our model zaidies and bubbies!

Florida, be gone!

(More next week)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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SPURNS FEMINIST IDEA PUSHERS

It was with great dismay that I read the Feb. 20 remarks of Dr. Susan Gross in the panel discussion on Jewish women in modern society ("Orthodox women prove they can have careers").

While her statements might reflect her own values (and these are questionably Jewish), I hardly think it reflects the experiences of most Orthodox Jewish women, and certainly not the feelings shared by myself and the other *frum* women of Agudas Yisroel.

She said that Jewish women feel "resentful and powerless . . . locked out and isolated from Jewish institutions."

Mrs. Gross must be very alienated from her roots, or simply uneducated in our tradition, for God gave women *the ultimate power*, the greatest power vested in humankind — to bring forth life. And He gave us the most beautiful challenge (harder than medical school or law school, I may add) — to nurture this life into strong, healthy, proud, God-fearing Jews.

What institution am I locked out of? Is not the family an institution — one which breeds warmth, security, understanding and love?

She revealed her true feelings when she said "I want something for myself." Such arrogance!

My zayde taught me that a Jew never says to God "I want," but "What can I do for you, Ribbono Shel Oylom?"

Mrs. Gross spews forth feminist buzzwords — power, personal fulfilment, isolation. But she omits the most basic lesson of the Torah that we, men and women, have to give to God and not take. The real challenge in Judaism is to resist such foreign ideas and to uphold Jewish values.

One final thing: if a woman wants to express her thoughts, she should speak for herself. As a Jewish woman, and part of a community of religious women, I feel neither resentful nor powerless. And I don't appreciate someone pushing feminist ideas on me as an authentic Jewish challenge.

Miriam Esther Singer
Montreal

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BUTCHER FRANCO'S BEDBUGS

There appears to be a story circulating in The Canadian Jewish News that dictator Francisco Franco wished to provide official recognition to Israel, but was turned down by Ben Gurion.

This is simply a *bubba meyse* (fairy tale) for *vuncen* (bedbugs). There is no foundation for this tale outside the inventive mind of the prevaricator.

Butcher Franco, as he was named, was a sibling of the Inquisition, a product of Vatican and European fascism. The Vatican still has not recognized Israel, and only a demented mind could suggest that Franco would have done so in 1948.

Of course, as dictator, he filled the pockets of his bootlickers, and these fascist disciples still adore Butcher Franco and the wealth he bestowed on them.

What is interesting is that a few (very few) Jewish *vuncen*, with and without degrees, are so attracted to Franco.

Unfortunately for these *vuncen* — being Jewish — no matter how hard they tried, they could not gain entrance to the fraternal order of Nazis, Fascists, Falangists.

Nathan Gans
Montreal

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WHO NEEDS SUCH FRIENDS?

A somewhat cynical but wise professor once said: "History teaches that history teaches nothing." Unfortunately, this continues to be as true today as in the past.

The Feb. 13 article by Sheldon Kirshner on "Israeli rightwing parties" caused me much dismay and annoyance. He was not at the Peace Now meeting, and germane statements were omitted in his article.

It was the most shocking meeting I have attended. It is one thing for Arab propagandists to tear Israel to shreds, but one does not expect this from so-called "friends of Israel."

Prof. Michael Marrus, after spending part of a sabbatical year in Israel, became not only an expert on the Mideast, but also a prophet of the inevitable doom and demise of Israel because of Kahanism and occupation of Gaza West Bank and the Golan.

With respect to Syria having emerged as the "clear winner" of the 1982 Lebanese invasion, I asked at the meeting for proof that Syria would have been weaker had the invasion not occurred, or perhaps even mightier militarily and/or politically. He ignored the question.

His opinion is pure conjecture. Furthermore, if he is correct, he is Monday-morning quarterbacking.

Aron Shai, an Israeli scholar, spewed a venomous attack, equating the Likud to Kahanism. He unashamedly contended that Israel was practicing Hitlerism and predicted "inevitable revolution and civil war."

Absolutely incredible!

Both speakers received support from the slanted Peace Now audience — much of it very heated and of little light.

I disagreed with the overly-critical, pessimistic, and prejudiced historians. I stated unequivocally that Israel, in spite of its problems, will not only continue to exist as a bastion of democracy in the Middle East, but will remain strong to protect itself, Diaspora Jews, and even such "friends of Israel."

The speakers have not learned their history lessons well.

With "friends" like these, who needs enemies?

Dr. Max M. Glassman
Toronto

Editor's note: Sheldon Kirshner was at the meeting, and germane statements were not omitted from his story.

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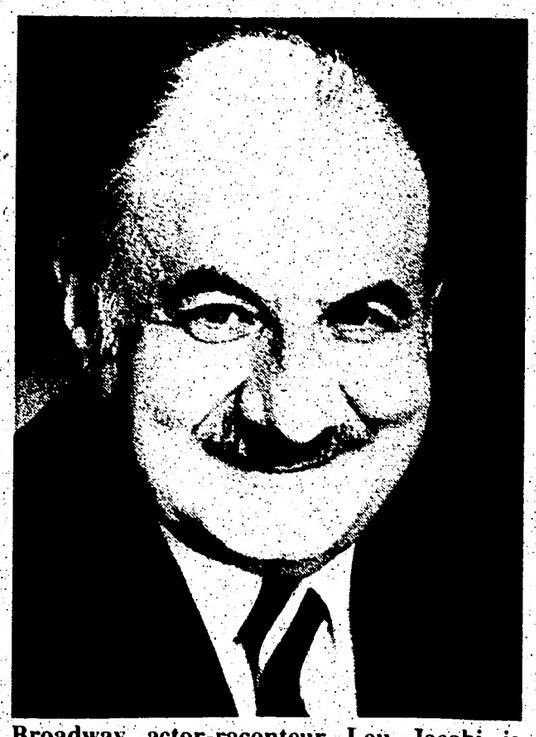

Broadway actor-raconteur Lou Jacobi is remembered by Toronto readers as a terrific entertainer on the stag and bar mitzvah circuit.

LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD

I have enjoyed reading the New York theatre reviews of Gerry Morris, and especially his recent interview with Lou Jacobi.

It brought back memories of the days when Jacobi, along with Sammy Sales, Johnny Shapiro, Lou Herman and others, were popular entertainers on the local stag, wedding and barmitzvah circuit.

Lou Jacobi is a great storyteller. Thank you for your nostalgic reminder of the local boy who made good.

Bernard Papernick
Toronto

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JACOBI A JOY TO KNOW

I wish to congratulate you on the article that Gerry Morris did on Lou Jacobi.

I knew Lou Jacobi as a young man. We grew up around the Spadina and College area of Toronto.

He was a terrific person and a joy to know.

Gerry Morris's article was a treat and most enjoyable to read.

Jack Grossman
Toronto

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"HILARY WAS FIRST"

The Lifestyle section of your Feb. 13 edition contains an article on the Atideynu Lodge of B'nai B'rith Canada, indicating that it is the "first to recognize women as bona fide members of B'nai B'rith and not of B'nai B'rith Women."

While extending the congratulations of Bytown Lodge to the members of Atideynu, I am compelled to correct an error.

At its annual convention in June of 1985, B'nai B'rith Canada passed a resolution which modified its constitution to the effect that the organization would henceforth be open to "any person" of the Jewish faith over the age of 18. Women were thus admissible as full-fledged members.

Within five minutes of the passage of the resolution, Hilary Ingre was nominated by our immediate past president, and thereby became the first woman to join Bytown Lodge and the first to join B'nai B'rith Canada.

Since that time, eight other women have chosen to join this lodge; one of them, Joan Katz, has become a member of the lodge executive as well.

Having advocated the equal admission of women to the organization for a long time, Bytown is proud that a number of talented women have become enthusiastic participants in the lodge's activities. We sincerely wish Atideynu all success, and hope that more and more lodges in the country will follow our lead.

Stuart Leibovitch
President
B'nai B'rith Bytown Lodge
Nepean, Ont.

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KNOCKS ALIYA TOKENISM

As a parent with three children in Israel, I could only shake my head in dismay, after reading your Feb. 20 article, "TJC will participate in aliya support project."

The Aliyah Support Group held its first meeting in December 1984, and after 14 months can only come up with a directory of Toronto olim, with a second planned project on opportunities in Israel.

The Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) presently provides services proposed for the directory. And I am under the impression that one of the functions of the shaliach aliya in Toronto is to assist prospective olim with information on opportunities in Israel.

I would suggest that the Toronto Jewish Congress drop these forms of tokenism and get serious about supporting aliya.

Bernard Rubin
Toronto

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SEEKS HERNE REFUGEES

The municipal archive of Herne in West Germany has started a research program about the Jewish communities of Herne and Wanne-Eickel.

The aim is to publish a book about the history and development of these communities.

We would like to ask all former members to write us their memories.

Our address: Stadt Herne, Stadtarchiv, z. H. Herr Tohermes, Eickeler Str. 7 4690 Herne 2, West Germany.

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World-National

Economic crisis may prompt adventurism

Peres sees potential new danger from Syria

JERSUALEM (JTA) — Premier Shimon Peres said last week that Syria is in the throes of a major economic crisis which he implied, posed a danger for Israel should Damascus try to divert the public from mounting hardships at home by military adventurism abroad.

Peres, briefing the Knesset foreign affairs and security committee, cited the cessation of Iranian oil deliveries as one cause of Syria's economic woes. On the other hand, he said, the crisis could provide an impetus for Syria to abandon its traditional hardline policy and possibly even participate in the Middle East peace process.

In any event, Peres said, referring to a recent threatening speech by Syrian President Hafez Assad, Israel should not be drawn into a sabre rattling contest with Damascus.

But other Israeli political and military leaders pointed to Syria as the primary military threat to Israel and held Damascus responsible for the upsurge of terrorist activity in south Lebanon.

This was made clear in remarks by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy and Maj.-Gen. Yossi Peled, who will shortly succeed Gen. Ori Orr as commander of the northern area.

Rabin, who was in Europe, was quoted by a defence ministry spokesman as having told Swiss Foreign Minister Pierre Aubert that the threat of war against Israel comes from Syria.

Rabin also warned that recent events in Egypt could jeopardize peace in the region, a reference to the riopting by police conscripts in Cairo which has caused many political pundits here and abroad to voice concern for the future of President Hosni Mubarak's regime.

Levy told an Israel Television interviewer that it was irrelevant whether or not Syria actually orders terrorist groups to try to infiltrate into Israel. It is sufficient that the Syrians shelter Palestinian rejectionist groups and provide them with an infrastructure. He noted that Lebanese Shiite extremists nurtured by Iran have their headquarters in Damascus, train terrorists there and receive the wherewithal to attack Israel.

"It is very comfortable for the Syrians to keep us busy (in south Lebanon) and if they want to attack us they just have to make sure there is no quiet there," Levy said. He said the same applied to the various terrorist splinter groups active in recent weeks.

Levy noted that the main problem in the north is that Israel has a border with a country (Lebanon) whose government has no control and there are many elements which exploit that fact.

Peled warned that Syria is preparing for an all-out military confrontation with Israel. The Syrians now have long-range weapons that enable them to strike further inside Israel than ever before, he said, and an Israeli counterattack would have to overcome minefields, anti-tank ditches and other dug-in emplacements not encountered in previous conflicts.

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Meanwhile Premier Peres has agreed to allow Golan Heights Druze to export their apples to Syria possibly by way of Jordan.

Peres gave his approval during a visit to the Golan last week, a visit which turned rowdy and almost violent in the largest Druze township of Majdal Shams where hundreds demonstrated against him.

Peres determinedly continued his conversations with Druze leaders despite the noisy crowds in the streets — and the apples issue was one of those raised.

The Golan apple-growers are finding it hard to sell all their crop in Israel, where there is a glut of apples. At present, there is no crossing point in use commercially between Israeli and Syrian-held sections of the Golan, and Peres' aides are therefore checking into the possibility of sending the apples via the open bridges linking the West Bank and Jordan.

Former NY senator Jacob Javits dies at 81

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Funeral services were held Monday in New York for Jacob Javits, 4-term United States senator from New York, who died of cardiac arrest while on vacation in West Palm Beach. He was 81 years old.

Javits, the son of Jewish immigrant parents, rose from poverty on the Lower East Side of New York to become the longest-serving senator in the U.S. Congress and one of the biggest vote-getters in American history. A political maverick, he ran as a liberal Republican in every political race, beating out well-known Democrats in overwhelmingly Democratic bastions.

Always a minority with the minority party, Javits became a champion of liberal causes, borrowing the sensibilities of his youth in New York's Jewish ghetto and expanding them to embrace all minorities.

He was a moving force behind the civil rights movement, fair treatment for the poor and elderly, guaranteed pensions for retired persons, and, in the end, of the right to die with dignity.

Javits' strong Jewish sentiments and his support of the Jewish state made him an unsurpassed favorite with Jewish voters across the political spectrum. At no time in his long career of public service did he ever forget or fail to mention his origins. He was a longtime member of major Jewish organizations. He was active in B'nai B'rith and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, for which he served as honorary vice-chairman more than 25 years. In 1981, Javits was awarded the ADL's Haym Solomon Award.

In January 1985, Javits received a special presentation of the Community Achievement Award of the American ORT Federation (AOF). Javits was an AOF board member since the 1940s, when he visited ORT training centres in the German DP camps immediately after World War II. His testimony before Congress helped focus attention on the plight of the refugees, and on ORT's help in preparing them for their new lives.

Peres sends condolences to T.C. Douglas' widow

OTTAWA —

Prime Minister Shimon Peres has sent a telegram of condolence to Irma Douglas, widow of Tommy Douglas, the Israel embassy here reported last week. Mr. Douglas, former national leader of the NDP, died in Ottawa recently.

"Please permit me to express my sincere condolences to you and the family on the death of your husband, Tommy Douglas," said Peres.

"He was a great friend of Israel and a true ally of the Israeli labor movement.

"His death is a great loss to us all. We bow our heads in grief together with you."

Knesset rejects annexation

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Knesset has overwhelmingly defeated a bill aimed at annexing the administered territories. It was submitted by Geula Cohen of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya Party.

Four coalition members broke coalition discipline to vote for the measure — Meir Cohen — Avidov and Benhy Shalita of Likud; Rabbi Yaacov Yosef of Shas; and Rabbi Haim Druckman of Morasha.

Premier Simon Peres rejected Cohen's contention that annexation was the realistic solution for the administered territories.

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"It is the first time I hear such things happened"

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knowledge of the deportations which gutted the illustrious Sephardic Jewish community of Salonika, the largest in Greece: "I regret these things most deeply, but I have to repeat that it is really the first time that I hear such things happened. I never heard or learned anything of this while I was there. I hear for the first time that there were deportations of Jews from there."

Waldheim, in a telephone call to the World Jewish Congress reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, told Israel Singer, its secretary-general, he had never been involved "in any sort of Jewish deportations or cruelties."

The deportations, which took place in the spring of 1943, destroyed one of the most vital Sephardic Jewish communities in the world. German forces under Lohr supervised the deportations, which involved some 42,000 Jews. They were shipped to death camps in Auschwitz and Treblinka.

According to Gerald Reitlinger, author of *The Final Solution*, Lohr was "perhaps more implicated in Jewish deportations than any other Wehrmacht commander."

Waldheim, in 1942 and 1943, served in Yugoslavia at a time when the Germans were trying to flush out partisans. He said he was an interpreter, but Vjesnik, one of Yugoslavia's leading newspapers, said last week that Waldheim participated in military operations against partisans.

In July of 1942, he was awarded a high military decoration by the Nazi puppet state of Croatia. The short-lived Croatian state persecuted Jews, Serbs and gypsies. Andrija Artukovic, who was recently deported to Yugoslavia from the U.S., was a cabinet minister in that regime.

Waldheim, UN secretary-general from 1972 to 1982, had consistently maintained he had nothing to do with Nazi-affiliated groups.

In 1980, he told U.S. Congressman Stephen Solarz as much. Solarz checked with the Central Intelligence Agency and was informed that Waldheim had not been a member of any Nazi youth movement, nor had he been involved "in anti-Jewish activities."

After the war, Waldheim was officially cleared of any Nazi taint. Simon Wiesenthal, the Vienna-based Nazi hunter, has said that neither Western nor East bloc countries have produced evidence against him.

Waldheim, in his memoirs, *In The Eye of the Storm*, claimed he was released from the army in 1941 after being wounded. He said he did not return to military service and began studying law.

When a New York Times reporter asked him about the discrepancy in his story, and pointed out to him that he was shown in a wartime photograph with Lohr, Waldheim replied: "I never said that my book made a claim to completeness. Otherwise it would have been so boring that no one would have read it."

The disclosures about Waldheim have been greeted with deep revulsion.

Israel Singer, the World Jewish Congress official, has cast grave doubts on Waldheim's claim that he was unaware of the fact that Jews from Salonika were deported.

"Every dog in town knew that they (were) killing Jews and a third of the city was being deported and Waldheim says he didn't know about it."

Singer added: "He has lied for 40 years and he has been lying for the past four days."

Singer said that, in 1980, Waldheim had blocked the Office of Special Investigations, an arm of the American justice department, from examining UN files on some 42,000 Nazi war criminals.

Benjamin Civiletti, the then attorney-general, said the UN documentation "may prove to be of significant assistance" to ferret out suspected war criminals of living in the U.S.

Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, said that Waldheim's coverup of his past constituted "one of the most elaborate deceptions of our time."

Alan Rose, executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress, called on Waldheim either to clear his name or withdraw from the Austrian presidential race.

Waldheim, in a campaign speech last month, struck a lofty tone. He said: "Moral values seem to have been lost in recent years. If we want to solve the problems of our time, we must return to moral and ethical values."

Before the story broke wide open, polls had given Waldheim, a candidate of the conservative People's Party, a slight edge over his Socialist opponent, Kurt Steyer.

Reagan "committed" to sell

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Asian Affairs, who spoke after the President left, said that the administration was still considering the Saudi package and that Reagan was "committed" to selling the Saudis arms.

Murphy maintained that selling arms to moderate Arab countries is in the "best interests" of both the United States and Israel, since it contributes to regional security and thwarts efforts by the Soviet Union and radicals to increase their influence in the area.

He said that if the Arab countries turn to other suppliers there would not be the same safeguards that the U.S. imposes. "Using our sales as a lever to reward or punish political behavior is shortsighted and counterproductive," Murphy said. "We are not going to advance the peace process by attempting to somehow compel participants to the negotiating table."

Murphy indicated that there would be less opposition in Congress to the missile sale to the Saudis than there was to the Jordan arms sale, which Reagan had to withdraw earlier this year.

On aid to the Contras, Reagan stressed that the Sandinistas, whom he called Marxist-Leninists, are close to the Palestine Liberation Organization, Libya leader Muammar Qadaffi, and Iran. He charged that the Sandinistas were aiming to bring all of Central America under Soviet control and warned that if the U.S. had to contend with "hostile aggressive Communist states" close to its border, "how will we be able to meet our commitments to our allies."

"Our supply lines to Israel and NATO run through the Caribbean" the President asserted. "If we show ourselves willing to abandon our friends" close to the U.S., Reagan warned that the Soviets may then decide that they are able to threaten Israel directly.

Bialkin indicated support for the President on this issue. He said that while the Jewish community is not unanimous, "I believe the overwhelming sympathy and support of the American Jewish community lies with those who wish to fight for their freedom."

Shooting injures rabbi

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A New York rabbi was fired on by an unidentified assailant in the Old City Friday night while walking alone from Sabbath services at the Western Wall.

Rabbi David Blumenfeld, 50, who is executive director of the New York City Holocaust Memorial Commisston, was slightly injured by stone fragments that grazed his head after a bullet aimed at him ricocheted off a wall. He was wearing a white silk yarmulke at the time.

Blumenfeld, of Temple Israel in Great Neck, NY, a 1,300-member Conservative congregation headed by Rabbi Mordechai Waxman, made his way bleeding to Kisleh police station at the nearby Jaffa Gate. He was taken to Hadassah Hospital for treatment of what were minor wounds. Police, who closed off the area, found the gun used by the assailant. According to police spokesman Rafi Levy, about 20 Arab suspects were detained for questioning.

The incident was the latest in an upsurge of violence and the second assault with a deadly weapon in two days. An Israeli taxi driver, Moshe Amsalem, 35, was stabbed in the chest after picking up two Arab passengers in Beersheba. He was taken to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba where his condition was reported to be serious.

Blumenfeld said later that whoever attacked him wanted "to instil fear in all Jews visiting the Old City." He said the shooting would never deter him.

Israeli authorities said about 200 suspected members of terrorist organizations were detained after the recent assassination of Zafer Al-Masri, the Israel-appointed new Mayor of Nablus. All but 20 have been released.

The authorites noted a sharp rise in the number of terrorist incidents in the administered territories since King Hussein of Jordan announced last month that he was abandoning his efforts with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat to bring the PLO into the peace process.

According to authorities, there were 76 terrorist incidents in the past weeks compared to 43 in the previous two-week period.

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What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

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Tuesday, March 18

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM SISTERHOOD

Reserve now for the Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood luncheon to be held in the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., at 12.15 p.m. sharp, Tuesday, March 18.

The Heritage Players will entertain with A Purim Spiel.

Contact **Ruth Fruitman,** 731-6660, **Rose Mintz,** 633-7190 or the synagogue office, 789-3213, for reservations.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will meet on Tuesday, March 18 at 8.15 p.m. in the boardroom of the Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St. The study portion will be Amos, chapters 3 and 4, with **Dr. Daniel Andrews.**

The group operates under the auspices of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. To inquire further, telephone 635-2883, ext. 151.

BETH TIKVAH SISTERHOOD

Will Your Grandchildren Be Jewish? This is the question to be pondered at a panel discussion sponsored by Beth Tikvah Sisterhood, 3080 Bayview Ave., 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 18.

Panelists will include **Rabbi Lawrence Troster, Debbie Gollom** who is a parent and **Marshall Swadron,** a student.

Guests of all ages are welcome.

Wednesday, March 19

CAMP SHOMRIA OPEN HOUSE

Camp Shomria International, "the camp with the Israel feeling," will host an Open House, 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, at 8 Wild Gingerway.

Staff for this summer will present a video on camp activities, and refreshments will be served.

For more information call **Vera,** 633-2680.

NEW ORT OFFICES

Women's Canadian ORT and Toronto Women's ORT, together with national president, **Harriet Morton,** cordially invite the community to a wine and cheese reception, 5.45 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, to observe the opening of its new offices at 3101 Bathurst St., 6th floor.

Barbara MacDougall, federal minister of state for finance, will conduct the official opening ceremonies. Gideon Saguy, consul-general of Israel, will bring greetings on behalf of the state and **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich** will be in attendance.

For added information call 787-0297.

OSCAR NIGHT IN CANADA

CentreStage Forum and the National Film Board present Oscar Night in Canada, a screening of all the 1986 Canadian Oscar nominees, to be shown Wednesday, March 19 at 7 and 9 p.m. in the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E.

This year's nominees include The Big Snit, directed by **Richard Condie** and produced by **Michael Scott;** Making Overtures, directed by **Larry Weinstein** and produced by **Barbara Willis Sweete;** Second Class Mail, an "honorary" Canadian film directed by **Alison Snowden** at the National Film and Television School in England with assistance from her Toronto-born husband, **David Fine.**

The 1986 nominees will be proceeded on the program by two past Oscar winners, Every Child and Flamenco at 5.15. (Flamenco at 5.15 is the title of the film, not the time of screening).

Free tickets for this event are available at the St. Lawrence Centre box office, 27 Front St. E., or by calling 366-7723 (limit of four per person).

ANOREXIA BULIMIA

The Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group of Metropolitan Toronto and Area will hold its regular monthly meeting at Toronto City Hall, Committee Room 1, (789-4940) on Wednesday, March 19 at 7.30 p.m.

A special speaker will be present and all those interested are invited to attend this informative meeting.

ADOPTION PANEL

Infertility Facts and Feelings offers a panel discussion on adoption with representatives from adoption agencies, Wednesday, March 19, at 7.30 p.m. in Bathurst Heights Public Library, 3170 Bathurst St.

Call 665-4811 if further information is required.

Thursday, March 20

NURENBERGER TO SPEAK

On Thursday, March 20 at 8 p.m., The Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association invites the community to an evening with **M.J. Nurenberger,** author of the recently published book, The Scared and the Doomed.

The gathering takes place in the Jerusalem Hall at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave., with **Rabbi David Monson** as chairman. At a coffee hour which follows, the author will autograph copies of his book.

Admission is free. For additional details phone 781-3571.

NATURAL HYGIENE

At the next gathering of The Canadian Natural Hygiene Society, 8 p.m., Thursday, March 20, health and fitness lecturer **Ron Weston** will speak on Attaining and Maintaining Superior Health.

Location is the Toronto Board of Education Building, 155 College St., corner of McCaul, in the 6th floor auditorium.

You are welcome to arrive at 7.30 p.m. for registration, book browsing and visiting. The meeting starts promptly at 8.

Admission for members is $3.50, non-members, $5, students with ID card and seniors, $2.

For details on the organization's monthly lectures call 781-0359.

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Saturday, March 22

HAMILTON PURIM MASQUERADE

Hamilton Jewish Community Centre is planning a Purim Masquerade Ball for youth (12-17 years) in the area. The event takes place 8 p.m., Saturday, March 22 at the JCC Social Hall.

Admission, $2 for those with a mask, $3 without a mask, covers deejay music, party favors, and festive refreshments.

For more details contact **Brenda Kadish,** 528-8577 as soon as possible.

BETH RADOM PURIM DANCE

Beth Radom Sisterhood is holding a Purim Dance, 8.30 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at the shul, 18 Reiner Rd., with music by **Eddie Gresko** and orchestra.

Refreshments will be served and there will be door prizes.

To obtain tickets, phone **Adele,** 781-1604, or **Rose,** 636-2100.

Sunday, March 16

BETH DAVID ADULT EDUCATION

Canadian Foreign Policy: A Jewish Perspective, will be the subject when Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Adult Education Committee presents author-lecturer **Prof. Maureen Appel Molot** of Carleton University, Sunday, March 16 at 8.15 p.m. in the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

PNAI PURIM PARTY

PNAI, Parents of North American Israelis, Toronto Chapter, is organizing a Purim Party Sunday, March 16 at 8 p.m. in Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Entertainment will be provided by the Heritage Singers, and a small fee of $2 per person will be charged.

For further information call **Minnabelle Haneford,** 633-5136.

BETH SHOLOM BREAKFAST CLUB

Beth Sholom Tallis and Tefillin Breakfast Club, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., meets on Sunday, March 16, to hear **Noam Sachs Zion** of Sholom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, discuss Mordecai and Esther, The Art of Surviving in a World of Uncertainty.

Service is at 9:30 a.m., breakfast follows, and the program begins at 10.30.

B'NAI TORAH ADULT EDUCATION

Congregation B'nai Torah Adult Education Committee presents A Night of Remembrance with a screening of the Academy Award winning film, Genocide, produced by the Simon Weisenthal Centre, and a lecture, We Must Never Forget, by **Irving Eisner,** author of Dachau - Prisoner 89012.

This is scheduled for 7.45 p.m., Sunday, March 16 in the synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave.

Admission is free and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

KOLLEL SHIUR

Rabbi Yonason Sacks, Fellow of Yeshiva University's Gruss Kollel Elyon, will deliver a shiur (Halachic lecture) on The Mitzvah of Kiddush; The Concept of Zechira.

The shiur, which is co-sponsored by Toronto Alumni of Yeshiva University and Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, is for both men and women and will be held at 8 p.m. in Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St.

Admission is free and the community is cordially invited.

TELEM MEETING

Telem, the movement for Zionist fulfilment, will hold its next meeting 8 p.m., Sunday, March 16, at 788 Marlee Ave. (near Lawrence).

Topic for the evening is the Absorption of Ethiopian Jews into Israeli Society. **Maxine Blendis,** chairperson of the Educational Fund for Ethiopian Jews, will offer a slide show followed by a discussion.

Donations to the fund would be appreciated.

Telem's North American Convention is slated for April 17-20 in New York. Join hundreds of Zionists from all over North America in starting action on an Alternate Zionist Agenda. The convention will be held at the La Guardia Marriott Hotel.

Conference facilities include glatt kosher meals, Shabbat observance and optional religious services. Costs are subsidized. Register early for discounts.

For more details about the convention and Telem activities in Toronto, call Moadon Telem, 787-3484.

SPRING FUN FAIR

Bring the family to a Spring Fun Fair organized by Spring Farm Community Association in Garnett Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark St., Thornhill, Sunday, March 16, from 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Tickets are $3 each and a donation will go to the Hospital for Sick Children.

Tickets are limited. Telephone 731-0578 or 887-7686 for more information.

PRIVATE SHOPPING AND BRUNCH

B'not Aviva Chapter of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO presents Club Monaco Fashion Show and Brunch in support of Hadassim School and Day Care Centres in Israel.

Club Monaco will open its doors at 403 Queen St. W., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, March 16 for a day of private shopping with brunch and fashion shows.

This promises to be fun for the entire family, since the new line, Club Monaco Kids, will be featured in addition to all the wonderful Alfred Sung casual clothes for men and women.

Admission is by advance tickets only. Cost is $7 for adults, $3, kids (16 and under). Anyone interested should call 221-6504.

Monday, March 17

REUNION COMMITTEE MEETING

On Monday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m., members of the Reunion Committee will be meeting in the Board Room of Bialik Hebrew Day School to prepare invitations to the Reunion Weekend, April 18, 19 and 20.

If you know of anyone not on the list who might like to be included, please call **Ruth,** 787-5124 or **Ellie,** 221-0155.

LA LECHE

La Leche League of Willowdale presents The Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties, 8.15 p.m., Monday, March 17, at 108 Fisherville Rd., one block south of Steeles, between Bathurst and Dufferin.

The group will discuss avoiding soreness, parenting the fussy baby, nighttime needs and other issues.

Meetings are open to pregnant and nursing mothers who are interested in information and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

To inquire further, call **Adrianne,** 665-4120 or **Elaine,** 663-8003.

AT ADATH ISRAEL

Are Christians Necessarily Anti-Semitic? will be the question examined when **Rev. Victor Shepherd** addresses a meeting under the auspices of the Adult Education Program of Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

Guests are welcome.

Please note that the date has been changed from

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PILOT PROJECT

The Tzedakah Council of the Leo Baeck Day School, organized this year in the middle school, grades 6-8, will work on short-term fund raising projects related to Jewish and non-Jewish causes. For its first project it was approached by Carol Baratz of the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel to be the pilot school for the association's fund raising within the Jewish schools of Toronto. Pictured here, with a plaque from the Soldiers Welfare, are, standing left to right, David Cohen, school director; Nathan Laurie, Rachel Cohen, Carol Baratz; sitting, left, Jodie Wolfe and Yafit Rokach. A total of $600 was raised for the new Toronto House in Beersheba.

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March 16 to Monday, March 17 at 8 p.m.
For further information phone 635-5340.

SHAAR SHALOM SISTERHOOD

Shaar Shalom Sisterhood, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, gathers on Monday, March 7, to hear a talk about Jews in Film, given by author **Ruth Margel.**

Admission is $2 plus an unusual Pesach recipe (diet, lunchbox, eggless, etc.).

BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood, 100 Elder St., invites you to attend a Sisterhood General Meeting, 8 p.m., Monday, March 17 in the Arback Hall.

Guest speaker **Selma Sage,** who attended the UN Decade of Women Conference in Nairobi, will reflect on that experience.

Don't miss this event. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

And What Else Is New...

PURIM CARDS

Are you looking for a meaningful alternative to umpteen pieces of cake, jelly beans and boxes of raisins left over at the end of Purim?

Why not consider sending attractive cards conveying the spirit of the holidays, to your friends and relatives. These may be purchased by contacting the Bikur Cholim office, 783-7983, or at Jewish stores throughout the Toronto area.

Cost is three cards for $10. Your contribution wil bring a smile to the ill and the needy.

CHAT AUCTION

Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto invites you to a great Auction, at 8 p.m., Sunday, March 30 in the Civic Garden Centre, 777 Lawrence Ave. E. (at Leslie).

Tickets are $5. Refreshments will be served and there will be door prizes.

Parking is free.

For added information and advance tickets, phone 636-5984.

SHAAREI-TEFILLAH SEDERS

Tickets are now available for Shaarei-Tefillah Congregation's Passover seders to be held in the shul, 3600 Bathurst St., 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, April 23 and 8 p.m., Thursday, April 24.

Cost is $33 per person for adults, $24, children under 12 years.

Call 787-1631 for more details. Everyone is welcome.

PARENT-LINK

Do you have a relative with developmental disabilities living in a nursing home in Ontario? If so, a meeting on Sunday, April 6 at Valahalla Inn (Hwy. 427 and Burnhamthorpe), from 2-4 p.m., might be of some interest to you.

For further information contact The Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded, 1376 Bayview Ave., Toronto, M4G 3A3.

CANADIAN CLUB

Dr. Larkin Kerwin, president of the National Research Council of Canada, will address the Women's Canadian Club of Toronto, 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, in the ballroom of the Royal York Hotel. Films will also be shown.

Admission is by 1985-86 membership card. Membership is open to men and women and the annual fee of $20 is payable by mail or just outside the auditorium prior to meetings. Guest tickets may be purchased at $3 each per meeting for visitors residing more than 30 miles from central Toronto.

Club office is 2 College St., Room 212, Toronto, M5G 1K3, telephone 923-2900.

JFCS WORKSHOP

Jewish Family and Child Service is offering an 8-session series on Stepfamily Couples, Sunday mornings, 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., March 23 to May 18, excluding May 11, at the JFCS offices, Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 6th floor.

Couples will examine the differences and similarities between stepfamilies and traditional family models. Special focus will be on maintaining good couple relationship while helping the children into new patterns.

Cost is $40 per person, $60 per couple.

Call JFCS, 638-7800, ext. 290.

JSU HILLEL U OF T

Cast your ballots Tuesday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 19, in the Jewish Students' Union elections. Voting takes place at the JSU office, 604 Spadina Ave. Valid JSU cards must be shown.

Donate your foodstuffs by Thursday, March 20, for the Campus Food Project. Next pickup at JSU House is Thursday, April 17.

KINGSTON SEDER

Congregation Iyr Ha-Melech in Kingston, is planning a Passover seder catered by **Mrs. Museo,** 5.30 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, at the Oddfellows' Hall, 394 Princess St.

Cost is $14 for adults, $10, students, $7, children 13 and under.

Checks should be made out to Congregation Iyr Ha-Melech and sent to **Marilyn Kelman,** 97 Livingston Ave., Kingston, K7L 4L3, with the names of family members and friends attending. Payment is due by Mareh 25.

BEBY YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES

Young Married Couples Club of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., welcomes you to its 1986 programs. Join the group at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 22 for a movie night in the shul's Arback Hall. Cost is $5 per couple.

For additional information call **Susan Bidner, 789-9787, or Charles** or **Judy** Champagne, 789-9275.

LEADING TO READING

North York Public Library needs assistance with its Leading to Reading Club, a program which encourages children 6-12 years, to improve their reading skills. Volunteers meet with the same child each week for one hour to work on oral reading and word-related games.

If you are 18 years or older and could help after school or evenings in the northwest part of North York, please call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

PESACH WORKSHOP SERIES

Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., provides a Pesach Workshop Series on Mondays, March 31, April 7 and 14, at 8.15 p.m.

Enjoy seder melodies with **Cantor Martin Steinhouse** and learn how to use the Haggadah.

Telephone 889-2252.

ALFRED ADLER INSTITUTE

Psychologists **Mary Schneider** and **Seymour Schneider,** will explore Divorce: The Challenge of Adjustment, at a workshop sponsored by the Alfred Adler Institute, 9.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m., Friday, April 4, at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W.

Parents, teachers, professionals, anyone who would like to enhance his or her understanding of the impact of divorce on children and also learn techniques to help them cope; will find this session particularly helpful.

Fees are $45 for pre-registered members, $55 pre-registered non-members, $60 at the door.

Contact the Alfred Adler Institute, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 407, Toronto, M3J 2E5, phone 665-1400.

INVESTMENT SEMINAR

Free seminars on Investment Strategies Under the New Budget are scheduled for 5.30-7 p.m., Thursday, March 13, and 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 150 York St., at Adelaide.

During these seminars **Linda King** will explain how to reduce your taxes, to income split with family members, to profit from the capital gains exemption, to use the new dividend tax credit and to maximize the growth in your RRSP.

Reservatons are required as seating is limited. Call **Linda King** or **Connie Prawdzik** at 366-4060 to reserve.

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE

Isn't It Romantic, the off-Broadway hit comedy written by **Wendy Wasserstein** previews March 18 and 19 and opens March 20 at the Leah Posluns Theatre. It is the story of two young women, one Jewish, one non-Jewish, living in New York City, and their problems - careers, romance and independence.

Janelle Hutchison stars as **Janie Blumberg** and **Carol Coltman** plays **Harriet Cornwall.**

at the jcc

JCC North-East Branch junior kindergarten has limited spaces available for September, 1986. Music, Gym, Art, Conversational Hebrew and An Awareness of Jewish Traditions, are all incorporated into the 5-day program.

Registration for summer and fall Pint-Size Playtime at the North-East Branch is now open. This co-operative program offers a 2 or 3-day option for children turning 2 years by Dec. 31. It provides youngsters with a safe, stimulating environment while enhancing their creative and emotional growth.

Registration for all pre-school groups at the North-East Branch is now open. Offered are, Mom, Pop and Tots; Daddy and Me; Cookie Cutters; The Creative Centre; Music Factory; Creative Dance; The Puppet Theatre; The Little People Theatre; Kinder Ballet; Creative Dance and Baby Blues. Programs begin March 17. For information call **Yona,** 889-0813. For registration call **Jodi** at the same number.

Purim is a holiday for families to get together and have a wonderful time. Join everyone at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. on Sunday, March 16 from 2-4 p.m. for the Annual Purim Carnival. Activities will include pony rides, clowns and clown faces, puppets, Purim games, bingo, and cooking. **Sheri** and **Jerry** are to be featured in the musical program. Refreshments will be available. Cost is $5 per family for members, $7 per family, non-members. For more information call the Valley office, 889-0813.

singles

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Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave.W., hosts the **Floating Singles Congregation** Friday, March 14, at 8 p.m. **Noam Zion** will talk about Conversion: The debate on 'Who is a Jew?' Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Total Living Mature Singles looks forward to a dance featuring **Norm Derrin's** orchestra, 8 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at Earl Bales Commuity Centre, Bathurst and Sheppard. There will be refreshments and prizes. Everyone is invited. Admission is $5 for members, $6, non-members.

A noon brunch meeting in the synagogue boardroom, 1950 Bathurst St., is slated for **Holy Blossom Temple Single/Single Parents Group,** Sunday, March 16. **Sondra Gold** will examine Relationships - A Joy or a Burden? Cost is $3.99 for members, $4.99 non-members. RSVP by March 14 to **James,** 485-9911.

Nagillah Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women is scheduling a general meeting with dinner at The Square Bagel, on Dufferin St. at Finch Ave., Monday, March 17. RSVP to 633-6368.

ESP Can be Fun. Learn about our "sixth sense" with special guest **lawyer, psychologist and professional magician Marvin Somers,** when **Northern Singles Forty Plus** meets at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St., 8 p.m., Monday, March 17. Cost is $3 for JCC members, $4, non-members.

On Wednesday March 19, at 8 p.m., clairvoyant, lecturer and teacher **John Galsby,** will examine Clairvoyance and You, at the general meeting of **JCC Valley Singles** to be held in Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie St. Cost is $2 for members, $3, non-members. Refreshments will follow. For more information call **Sally,** 889-0813.

Spring into spring with the **JCC Valley Singles** on Saturday, March 15 and celebrate the end of the winter blahs. Join the group 8 p.m., at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St., and dance to the music of a Universal Sounds deejay. Cost is $4 for members, $6, non-members. Refreshments will be served. To inquire further call **Jodi or Sally,** 889-0813.

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TOP HONOR

Herb Rosenfeld, president of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, was among 15 individuals, businesses and non-profit organizations honored recently through Ontario's ministry of citizenship and culture. [Graphic Artists photo]

BARBARO DINNER PLANNED

Tickets are moving fast for the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University's April 21 Ron Barbaro Tribute Dinner. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to establish the Ron. D. Barbaro Chair at the Hebrew University's newly-established (and Israel's only) school of veterinary medicine. Among those attending the planning meeting for the dinner were, left to right, Jack I. Hauer, the Friends' Toronto chapter president, Edward Bronfman, national vice-president; and Barbaro, Canadian president-elect of the Prudential Insurance Company of America and volunteer chairman of the Metro Toronto Zoo. Barbaro will receive the Hebrew University's Scopus Award at the dinner, the highest that Canadian Friends can confer.

BEQUEST FUND

Noah Shopsowitz, left, presents Irwin Gold, executive consultant for the Bequest and Endowment Fund of United Jewish Welfare Fund, Toronto Jewish Congress, with a check establishing the Leah Fund for the promotion of Jewish life on film and video. The gift was bequeathed by Leah Shopsowitz with the specification that her son select the cause it would support.

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Bring your friends and your favorite game for a great Pre-Purim Fun Night with **Machar (Tomorrow),** ages 45-65, to take place in Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 19. Refreshments will be served. Cost is $3.

It's a Pre-Academy Awards Party for **Metro Toronto Singles,** 8 p.m., Monday, March 17 at Rooney's, 2 Rosehill Ave. (two blocks south of Yonge and St. Clair). Ladies will be admitted half-price for the first hour. Cover, $6, includes snacks. Call **Sid, 222-7111 for more details.**

Finding the One You Like, Liking the One You Find, a practical workshop for Singles, will have **Barbara Haber Madonik** and **Paul Klein** showing you how to recognize and take advantage of the 80% of non-verbal communication going on all the time. Join them for this fascinating subject at 481 University Ave., 6th floor, on April 5. Cost is $50 and attendance by reservation only. Contact Barbara at 922-0911 to reserve. Space is limited.

Na'amat Pioneer Women's Kalanit Club (ages 25-37) invites young career women to join in a relaxing evening with Tanya Harris who will demonstrate The Art of Shiatsu Therapy. The group meets on Thursday, March 20 at 7.30 p.m. For information and directions, call 636-5425 days and 787-1069 evenings and weekends. Kalanit members look forward to meeting you.

for seniors

The Line and Ballroom Dancing at Earl Bales Seniors Place, Sheppard and Bathurst, re-opens 7.30-9.30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19. Come out for an enjoyable evening with **Ada Goldblatt** assisted by **Irving Naftolin.** There is no charge.

Cranbrooke Friendship Club 585 Cranbrooke Ave., holds its first executive meeting of the year on Wednesday, March 19, and its first general meeting with luncheon and entertainment, on Wednesday, March 26. Both meetings are at 12.45 p.m. sharp. Bring your friends. Everyone is welcome. Meetings are held every second Wednesday. For further information call 638-5619.

Members of the **Labor Zionist Association Seniors Club** are back from a wonderful winter vacation under the leadership of **Harry Weinstock** assisted by **Belle Neiman** and **Libby Ravka.** Daily activities are in full swing again at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., with shuffleboard, chess and card games. The cultural group meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. for discussions and lectures on various topics. A Purim Dance will take place 7 p.m., Sunday, March 23 at the Borochov Centre. Tickets are available at the Centre from **Max Glick** or **Kiva Langer.**

Thursday, March 13 at 1 p.m., **Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club,** 470 Glencairn Ave., presents a very good current movie. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $1 for members, $1.50, non-members. Come out on Monday, March 17 to the annual Purim Party with refreshments and door prizes. A most enjoyable afternoon of entertainment will be offered with pianist **Paul Mathews** and vocalist **Fern Dworkin.**

Good Age Club of the JCC Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., invites you to a Purim Dance with **Yaacov Halpert** and the Yismechu Orchestra, at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 22. Refreshments will be served. Cost is $4 for members, $5, non-members. Contact **Teme Kernerman,** 636-1880, ext. 234, for added information.

The **Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program** for women 55-70 years of age widowed less than two years, is set next for Sunday, March 16, 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information phone 789-5131, local 410, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Elderly Widows 70 and Over Self-Help Program is scheduled for 1.30-3 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre, Monday, March 17. Call 789-5131, local 410, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for more details.

Self-Help Widowers, over 55 years, gather on Wednesday, March 19, 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre. To inquire further, call 789-5131, ext. 2269, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

These supportive services for widows and widowers are non-sectarian and free of charge. Membership in the Wagman Centre is not required.

A wonderful Purim Dinner will be hosted by the **Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group** 4.30-8 p.m. Sunday, March 23 in the Fireside Lounge of the Wagman Centre. Enjoy cocktails, dinner and entertainment by the **Paul Mathew Orchestra** with vocalist **Fern Dworkin,** all for $12 per person. Tickets may be purchased through the Wagman Centre, 789-5131, ext. 2267, until March 19.

The Wagman Centre presents The Joy of Theatre, a unique course in which participants discuss a play one week and attend the performance the following week. This begins 7.30 p.m., Thursday, March 13 in Rooms A and B. The first play to be considered is a contemporary production of Julius Caesar, with an all-female cast. For details call **Howard,** 789-5131, local 2269.

The Wagman Centre and the North York Board of Education are sponsoring three new 10-week courses: Basic Car Maintenance, Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. at Bathurst Heights Secondary School, 640 Lawrence Ave. W, starting March 18; Beginner's Bridge, Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre Common Room, starting March 18 and Introduction to Computers, Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m., at Bathurst Heights, starting March 19. Cost for those under 65 years of age is $20, no charge for persons 65 and over. Register now at the Wagman Centre for any of the above courses. To inquire further call 789-5131, ext. 2269, and ask for **Howard Weiss.**

Two special lectures will be given by **Rochelle Weinberg** and **Evelyn Grubner,** who will talk on Jewish Customs - Pesach, Wednesday, March 12, and Purim, March 19, between 3 and 4 p.m., in the Waltman Fireside Lounge of the Wagman Centre.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club is holding a Purim Luncheon with entertainment by The Choralairs under the direction of **Al Wyand,** Sunday, March 16 at 12.30 p.m. in the shul, 100 Elder St. Everyone is welcome. Cost is $2 for members, $4, guests. Members bring your cards. For information and reservations phone **Helen Weizenbluth,** 635-6343 (after 7 p.m.) or **Sam Cynamon,** 665-3724.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50, 1700 Bathurst St., meets at 1.30 p.m., Tuesday, March 18. The program will be announced at that time. Please remember that there will be no meeting on March 25, because of Purim.

Jubilee Club at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. (at Wilmington), invites you to a festive Afternoon in Hawaii, with Polynesian, Hawaiian and Tahitian dancers 1.30 p.m. Sunday, March 16. Come out and participate. There will be free gifts and refreshments for everyone, and door prizes will be awarded. Bring your friends for this exciting program suitable for all ages. Admission is $1.50 for Jubilee members, guests, $2.50. Bring membership cards.

Workman's Circle Social Club, 471 Lawrence Ave., W., plans an opening meeting with lunch and musical entertainment by **Avram Feldman,** at noon, Tuesday, March 18. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 222-7727.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein will reflect on Purim Improprieties, when **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni, 1950 Bathurst St., meets in the Philip Smith Hall, Wednesday, March 19 at 1.30 p.m.**

Discount cards for senior citizens will be sold on Thursday, March 20 from 4-8 p.m. at Don Mills Shopping Centre, 939 Lawrence Ave. E. Cost of the discount card and booklet is $6 for persons 55 years and over. The card entitles you to many discounts in Don Mills and surrounding areas. An updated booklet (October 1985) may be purchased for $1. For further information contact Taylor Place Senior Adult Centre, 447-7244.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for People 55 Plus and Over, will have a meeting 7 p.m., Thursday, March 13. There will be an absorbing film and a discussion important for today's lifestyle. This is not to be missed!

Programs to be featured through the Lifelong Learning Institute include The Creative Instinct - Does Everyone Have One? with **Barbara Turner,** 1.30-2.30 p.m., Thursday, March 13; History of Theatre, Jews and Drama, 2-3 p.m., Monday, March 17. All programs are open to the community.

For the Brown Bag Program, seniors are asked to bring all prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs in to the Centre, 1.30 p.m., Thursday, March 20. Professional pharmacists will be on hand to discuss drug interactions, expired prescriptions and to help organize the individual's medicine chest. There is no charge for this program.

Sunday at the Centre, March 16, presents the movie South Pacific, starting at 2 p.m. Admission is $1 for members, $1.50, non-members. Dance to the music of the Creative Band 7.30-10 p.m. Cost for members is $2, non-members, $2.50.

HONOR FOR BRONFMAN

Industrialist Edward Bronfman, right, will receive an honorary doctorate from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in June. He is seen here with Dr. Gerald Halbert, national president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, left, and Prof. Don Patinkin, president of the university.

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Organizations and People

Situation called desperate

Plea made for Jewish girls in Syria

By MARK DODICK

TORONTO — A member of the National Task Force for Syrian Jewry of The Canadian Jewish Congress wants all Jews to petition External Affairs Minister Joe Clark to intervene with the Syrian government to permit 15 Jewish girls to immigrate to Canada.

Speaking to a small group of students, but addressing the entire community, Naomi Jacobs, immediate past chairman of the North American Jewish Students Network-Canada, said the situation for Jewish women in Syria is desperate.

The declining population of Jewish males eligible for marriage places these women in a very precarious position, Jacobs said.

It is essential that the external affairs minister be pressed on this issue, she added, noting that with a Canadian ambassador now in Damascus it is an excellent time to act.

"The Jewish community is really a hostage community," Jacobs told the students attending one of several events organized as part of Oppressed Jewry Week (Feb. 24-27) at the university.

She said that if the federal government succeeds in bringing the girls to Canada the financial burden will never fall on the Canadian taxpayer, but will be assumed by the Jewish community.

Contributions to help this campaign or to provide religious and cultural artifacts for the Jewish community living in the ghettos of Damascus, Aleppo and Quamishli, should be made to the Ronald Feld Fund, c/o Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., Toronto M5P 3K3, Jacobs said.

The student activist reminded her audience that Jews in Syria are denied basic personal rights and freedoms, refused permission to emigrate, and are pawns in an unstable political regime supported by repression.

However, "there does seem to be some concern by the Syrians about their image in the West," she said, suggesting this sensitivity might make it possible to bring out the 15 girls.

As for the status of the rest of the community between 4,500 and 5,000), "their religion and hope keeps them together," Jacobs said.

Naomi Jacobs

Rabbi, scholar to speak

Wolinsky lectures planned

TORONTO — Israeli professor and author Avraham Malamat and British rabbi and scholar Louis Jacobs are the guest speakers for this year's Leonard Wolinksy Lectures on Jewish Life and Education.

A cooperative enterprise between York University and the Toronto Jewish community, the annual lecture series' theme this year is: Jewish Traditions and Contemporary Issues.

The free lectures will be held at the York Campus, Keele St. and Steeles Ave., and at two synagogues.

"The Wolinsky lectures are an integral part of our Judaic Studies programs and a valuable training tool for teachers of Jewish studies," says humanities and Hebrew studies professor Michael Brown. "The series presents topics and speakers of interest to the general public," he adds.

The lecture series is named in honor of the late Leonard Wolinsky, a York's Judaic Studies program benefactor. It is sponsored by York's faculties of arts and education in cooperation with the Toronto Board of Jewish Education.

Malamat, professor of history at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is a visiting professor at Yale University this year.

The author of numerous works on the history of the Biblical period, Malamat will deliver two lectures.

On Wednesday, March 19, at 2 p.m. in the Faculty Common Room, Vanier College at York, he will speak on: The Influence of Biblical Military Strategy on Modern Warfare.

On the same day at 8 p.m. at Bnai Israel-Beth David-Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Malamat will lecture on: From Infancy to Old Age: Maturing and Longevity in the Jewish Tradition.

Rabbi Louis Jacobs has written widely on Jewish theology and has been actively involved in British Jewish community affairs. He is a visiting professor at the Centre for the Study of World Religions at Harvard University.

Jacobs will speak on, Traditional and Critical Views of Jewish Law, on Wednesday, March 26, at 2 p.m. in Room 14 of Vanier College. On Thursday, March 27, at 1 p.m. in Room 108 of Vanier, his topic will be: Judaism in a World of Religious Pluralism.

And on Sunday, March 30, at 8 p.m. in Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., Jacobs will discuss: Authority and Commandment in a Changing Community.

For more information about the lecture series, call 667-3079.

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JCC gets Ontario grant to study future services

TORONTO — The Jewish Community Centre has been awarded a $35,000 grant to study the services it should offer in the future to its members and the community.

Paul Brownstein, executive director of the JCC, said the grant, awarded by the Ontario ministry of tourism and recreation, will be used to conduct a feasibility study to determine what services should be enhanced. This could include expanding or renovating the JCC.

He said when the study wraps up at the end of April, the JCC will know what the community's needs are and can then decide what direction to take: whether to launch a fund raising campaign or seek government grants.

Brownstein said Patricia Starr, assistant treasurer of the JCC, was instrumental in securing the grant.

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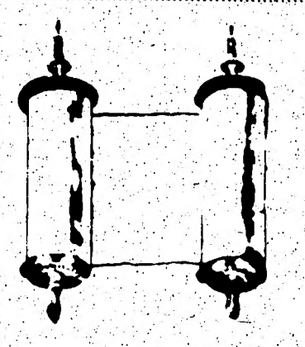

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Pekudai

It's not the walls and windows that make a holy place — but the honesty and sincerity of the people.

When the Jews made the holy tabernacle in the desert, and G-d rested His Shechinah (Divine Spirit) on it, it was a sign that they were forgiven the terrible transgression of building the Golden Calf . . .

Once the gabbaim in Vilna made a rule — no more maggidim (itinerant preachers) would be allowed to deliver sermons in the Great Beth Medrash of Vilna.

The Vilna Gaon heard about the new "rule," and summoned the gabbaim. "You know," he said, "that the mishkan (tabernacle) in the desert was called a mishkan because G-d caused His Shechinah to dwell on it.

"The same way, a Beth Hamedrash is called a House of Learning because the words of Torah and learning are heard. If you disallow the maggidim to teach and preach, it will no longer be a Beth Medrash . . ."

The new "decree" was soon abrogated.

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Every Jew has to make a mishkan out of his own heart. We have to be generous, honest and loving.

Consider . . . Moses collected all the gold and silver from the Jews, and built a holy tabernacle.

Now came the time of reckoning. Moses insisted on giving an account of every last penny spent. Where did it go? He made a "cheshbon," and lo and behold! He couldn't account for 1,775 silver pieces . . .

"Oh my goodness," he worried, "now the Jews will say I took them for myself!"

Until G-d lit up Moses' eyes and he remembered — the 1,775 silver pieces had been melted down to make the silver hooks for the curtains!

Even so, the Jews murmured about Moses: Look how fat Moses' neck is from our money!"

Commented Reb Neir Schapira of Lublin: Sad how people are! A few months before, the Jews built a Golden Calf. "Yayisparku kol ha'em . . ." All the people went wild, stripping off their gold jewelry, bringing in their golden vessels, to contribute to the idol.

One little gold calf . . . so much gold!

No one asked for an account. No one worried where it was going. Golden calf time! Money like water.

Comes to a mitzvah, a whole tabernacle . . . each Jew put in just half a shekel. Immediately everyone wanted an accounting department. Was any penny diverted? How much does Moses weigh? Conflict of interest!

For pleasure, there's no questions and no accounting and no problems. For a mitzvah, there are doubts after worries!

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Let us spend money on mitzvahs and be healthy.

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A rich man taunted Reb Isaac Charif: "Rich men are more important than great rabbis. After all, the rabbis come to the homes of the rich, and the rich don't rush to the homes of the rabbis."

Answered Reb Isaac: "That's no question. After all, it's the doctors who come to the home of the sick people, not the sick people who visit the homes of the healthy doctors . . ."

Let us be happy, let us be confident. Shabbat Shalom.

Hadassah-WIZO plans fashion show

Youth Aliyah campaign launched

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO — Toronto Hadassah-WIZO launched its annual Youth Aliyah campaign last week at the home of Fran Sonshine, Youth Aliyah vice-chairman, in what promises to be "a most successful fund raising campaign," according to Myrtle Coopersmith, the organization's president.

"We are confident that this year's Youth Aliyah campaign will even surpass last year's incredible success," said Coopersmith at the launch of the project.

Highlight of the campaign will feature a luncheon and fashion show by Ira-Berg on Monday, May 5, at 12 noon at the Four Seasons Yorkville ballroom.

Open to the public the event requires a minimum contribution of $100 with a couvert of $20.

Youth Aliyah chairman Phyllis Flatt said that "in its 52 years of existence, about 220,000 boys and girls have been rescued and nurtured by Youth Aliyah. In fact, one out of every 10 Israeli citizens has been influenced by Youth Aliyah in childhood or adolescence. Very few movements can equal Youth Aliyah in touching so directly, carefully and lovingly upon individual lives."

Last year was marked by the arrival to Israel of the Jews from Ethiopia, said Flatt. "Three hundred of these children were housed at our school at Hofim.

"Despite all the problems involved in their absorption, their arrival to Hofim has reminded us of our vocation and the essence of Israel's existence. It has also filled our hearts with pride and admiration," Flatt commented.

Phyllis Slatt, (left), Nina Livneh and Fran Sonshine launch Youth Aliyah fund raising campaign. [Graphic Artists photo]

Guest speaker, Nina Livneh, who teaches Hebrew and general studies to newcomers in Israel at Beersheba's Ben Gurion University and Technical College, said:

"Ethiopian children and young adults are by nature very shy and sensitive. When you teach them you see the sadness in their faces, and the difficulties they have in concentrating for long periods of time."

Livneh is in Toronto with her husband, Dr. Avi Livneh, a specialist in high blood pressure, who is here for a 1-year sabbatical at the Hospital for Sick Children and the University of Toronto.

"Even though Ethiopians have a major challenge to overcome, they are highly intelligent, very motivated and integrate well," said Livneh, who, at times, teaches students from 10 different countries in one classroom simultaneously.

"After one year, their Hebrew is fluent and their knowledge of math, science and computers is excellent. However, social problems among Ethiopian families do arise and are most crucial," she noted.

"We are finding that Ethiopian women and children are slowly adjusting to a modern Israeli lifestyle, whereas the men still relate to their past village life. There have been some grave family clashes, and some Ethiopian families are falling apart."

A short video presentation produced in the United States by the Jewish Television Magazine on the absorption of Ethiopian youngsters at Mikvah Israel's Youth Aliyah school was shown, and sparked much discussion.

Also participating in the meeting was Carol Kassel, a human resources development consultant, and owner of First Impression Personal Presentation Seminars, who conducted a workshop on leadership and fund raising techniques in volunteer organizations.

Tickets for the luncheon and fashion show can be obtained by calling the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO office at 789-4373.

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"There is no way to legislate that you have to give a get"

Obtaining a get not affected by change in law

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO—
The change in Ontario's divorce legislation won't solve all the problems of obtaining a get, according to the acting head of Toronto's beth din.

"There is no way to legislate that you have to give a get," Rabbi Mordechai Ochs told The Canadian Jewish News. "If one party is not concerned about financial matters, or won't make a counter-claim, there is no pressure on him or her to agree to a get."

The beth din, the central rabbinic office processing religious divorces, handles about 140 cases a year. The beth din's two other members are Rabbi Moses Burak of Beth Jacob congregation and independent scholar Rabbi Elisha Shochet. Rabbi Ochs is spiritual leader of Toras Emes.

Individuals remarrying without a get violate halachic laws. From a Jewish point of view, the marriage is illegal, and the children may be considered bastards. A get requires the consent of both parties in the dissolving marriage.

Said Rabbi Ochs: "We bear in mind the welfare of both husband and wife.

"The first thing we do is try to effect a reconciliation. If that is impossible, we proceed with the divorce."

The process, once both parties are assembled, takes about 2½ hours. The site is the Shomrai Shabbos, congregation of beth din founder Rabbi Gedalia Felder. The beth din sits two to three mornings a week.

Ochs has conducted divorce cases since 1958. In 1970, he was invited by Rabbi Felder and Rabbi Nachum Rabinowitz, then spiritual leader of Clanton Park, to participate in the formation of the beth din.

"Since then, the beth din has become the central address for Jewish divorces in Ontario," said Ochs. "We are connected with batei din in England, Israel, Australia—around the world. We have to work with them if the spouse happens not to be in our area.

"There are still a few veteran rabbis locally who continue to do divorce work individually."

He added: "There are also a number of people claiming divorce expertise who are not widely recognized. If they are not recognized, then their divorces are not recognized either. Rabbinic courts in other countries are very careful about this. They know who are qualified."

Rabbi Mordechai Ochs

Ochs told The CJN that to serve on a divorce court a rabbi must undergo additional learning and training, including observation of and a form of apprenticeship with an established beth din. And then he waits for a position to open. "It's really hard to say how long all that can take," said Ochs. "Usually only senior rabbis in the community are on a beth din."

The beth din occasionally functions to settle monetary disputes, said Burak.

Tradition gives primacy to Halacha when it comes to dealing with financial disputes between Jews. Also, a beth din "represents an immense opportunity for people not to waste their money," said Burak. If they choose to go to a civil court, "they face an endless morass which could eat up the assets they're quarreling about."

Appearance before the beth din is voluntary for both sides. If one or the other fails to appear after three summonses, the case goes on to civil court.

The beth din does not handle every financial dispute. A separate beth din could be constituted with every case: each of the two parties may choose a qualified rabbi and the two will in turn select the third.

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The hearing may last an hour or the better part of a day, depending on the case's complexity. The court's decision may be rendered overnight or in a week. Only the introduction of new evidence can warrant an appeal.

"A civil court," concludes Rabbi Ochs, "is charged with the administration of justice according to the laws of the province. The beth din is a religious and moral court, acting for the welfare of those who come before it. All Jews are treated equally as Jews. Their level of observance is of no consideration."

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New York rabbi to deliver lecture

NEW YORK —
Rabbi Yonason Sacks, a talmudic scholar and a Fellow of the Caroline and Joseph S. Gruss Kollel Elyon at the Yeshiva University-affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) in New York City, will deliver a shiur (talmudic lecture) Sunday evening, March 16, at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation in Toronto.

The lecture will begin at 8 p.m. at Shaare Tefillah, 3600 Bathurst St. Sacks will discuss the subject of kiddush (sanctification and remembrance of the Sabbath).

Rabbi Yonason Sacks

Sacks has given voluntary shiurim for men and women at Columbia University twice a week for five years and at Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine for two years, says a student from the yeshiva.

In 1984-1985, he was a Fellow of the Kollel L'Horaah (Yadin Yadin) at RIETS, which trains gifted scholars to fill the roles of posekim, halachic arbiters.

The Gruss Kollel Elyon Lecture Series has, since it began focused on the major congregations in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area.

This year, to mark the centennial of RIETS and Yeshiva University, Fellows of the kollel are conducting a series of lectures at congregations in New York, Baltimore, Boston, Fort Lauderdale/Miami, Montreal, St. Louis, and Toronto, the release says.

The shiur by Rabbi Sacks is the first of several lectures which will be held in Toronto and Montreal in the coming months.

At Toronto's Beth Jacob V'anshei Drildz congregation on May 25, Rabbi Eliahu Shulman will discuss the subject of The People of the Covenant. The congregation is located at 147 Overbrook Place.

Inaugurated in 1982, the Caroline and Joseph S. Gruss Kollel Elyon (post-graduate kollel program) is an advanced institute for talmudic and rabbinic studies.

Konigsberg will speak at fund raising dinner

OTTAWA —
Sheina Konigsberg of New York will be the guest speaker at a fund raising dinner on March 27 at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue as part of Ottawa Lubavitch's celebration of the International Week of the Jewish Woman. Also featured at the dinner will be musical entertainment and a fashion show.

Nechama Ben-Horin, wife of Israeli ambassador to Canada, Eliashiv Ben-Horin, will bring greetings to the dinner which is sponsored by N'shei Chabad.

Konigsberg and her family were interviewed in the recent series of articles written by Lis Harris in the New Yorker Magazine. The articles, which portray the world of the Lubavitchers, aroused wide interest, and have since been published in a book entitled Holy Days: The World of a Hasidic Family (General Publishing Co.).

Musical entertainment will be provided by Bracha Mandelbaum who has been performing for over a decade. Her repertoire of Yiddish, Hebrew and chassidic songs have delighted audiences throughout North America.

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Organizations and People

"We succeeded; they (KGB) failed," says Cotler

Ottawa Jews celebrate Scharansky's freedom

By
DAVID LEVY

OTTAWA —
If its planned public phone call to Natan Scharansky in Israel fell through, because the new Jewish hero was on a much belated honeymoon, Ottawa's Jewish community which turned out en masse for a shehecheyonu celebration in his honor got the message anyway. The Hebrew word shehecheyonu, meaning "who has given us life," refers to a prayer marking occasions of renewal and rededication to the occasion itself.

An estimated 500 Ottawa Jews, including a proportion of children generous enough to guarantee a lively background hum to the evening's proceedings, filled the main meeting hall of this city's Jewish Community Centre recently. The big turnout relieved fears of the event's organizer Simone Goldberg and her working group of a poor one, due to short notice that prevented normal advertising.

Filling in for Natan Scharansky on the other end of the phone line was activist lawyer Irwin Cotler in Montreal. Cotler answered questions put by Jewish Community Council president Gerald Berger and his wife Ruth about Scharansky's first moments on Israeli soil, to which Cotler had been an immediate witness.

"We succeeded; they failed," is how Cotler said Scharansky summed up the significance of his release and its impact on the KGB.

Over the hubbub of the happy shehecheyonu occasion, Israel Ambassador Eliashiv Ben-Horin said Israel was irrevocably committed to the safety of Jews everywhere, especially where they live in conditions of physical or spiritual oppression. Whatever else Israel would try to achieve in the international arena, no concession would be made that ignored the safety of particular Jewish communities.

"This is an element of Israel's international status which is unique," he said, adding that Israel was prepared to stand criticized for certain relations it maintained out of its commitment to vulnerable Jewish communities where "cold logic" would dictate otherwise.

This was a reference to Israel's relations with such countries as South Africa and the Argentina of the former junta.

"We must and we will consider the safety and future of Jewish communities as an integral part of all our deliberations on the international scene. We won't reduce our commitment," the ambassador said.

Ben-Horin added: "Israel's relationship with the Soviet Union is difficult not because we are anti-Russian but because the Soviet Union's wider ambitions and policies hold a constant challenge to Israel's ability to look after its own security."

He said Israel had an interest in normalizing relations with the Soviet Union but not at the price of reducing Israel's commitment to the safety of Soviet Jews.

Another keynote speaker, Rabbi Donald Gerber, now of Syracuse, NY, but who from 1972 to 1980 had been rabbi of Ottawa's Temple Israel, told his audience to recognize a special responsibility, which they shared only with their brethren in Washington, in residing in a city having a Soviet embassy.

He called on them to mark the Scharansky shehecheyonu by resolving to resume demonstrations outside the Soviet embassy on Charlotte St. as they used to do in the 1970s and in which he himself had participated.

"You know that building with the iron bars on the corner of Charlotte and Laurier," he said. "Every time we stood there we were able to rekindle hope for our oppressed brethren in the land represented behind those bars. Tonight is the time to decide to begin again. This is my expectation of you."

To rekindle hope for 18 current Jewish Refuseniks and Prisoners of Conscience in the Soviet Union, 18 children from the Hillel Academy — Ottawa's leading Jewish parochial school — placed small Israeli flags on a specially decorated table while a choir of 40 students performed in Hebrew. A decorative scroll was laid out on a table for all to sign before being sent to Natan and Avital Scharansky in Israel courtesy of the Israeli embassy.

The evening ended with a poetry reading by former Kievite Daniel Nadezhdin, a cello rendition of Debussy's Afternoon of a Fawn by a teenager from Russia, Vladik Schvartsman, and communal singing.

Gaby Sassoon, who escaped from Syria via Turkey soon after the creation of the State of Israel, signs decorative scroll of greetings to go to Natan and Avital Scharansky at Ottawa's shehecheyonu evening. The scroll was filled by signatures at a mass-attended event.

Community VIP Papernick dies

TORONTO —
Funeral services were held last week for Henry Papernick, who died at the age of 88.

"He was involved in every facet of the Jewish community," son-in-law Ben Clodman told The Canadian Jewish News.

Papernick, who was on the executive of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and a member of the Canadian Jewish Congress archives committee, was a past president of the Jewish Public Library and a past maste of the Masons' Palestine Lodge. He was also past president of the Pride of Israel Sick Benefit Society, and a founding member of B'nai B'rith's Toronto Lodge.

As a member of the Toronto Zionist Council, Papernick served as its honorary legal counsel.

An avid violinist in his spare time, Papernick founded and was president of the seniors' New Horizons Orchestra.

Papernick was born in Toronto's old Ward district. He graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1920, and went on to found his own law firm. Its name became Papernick and Papernick when his son Bernard joined it.

He is survived by his son, two daughters — Joyce Clodman of Toronto and Sheila Slakter of Chicago — and 10 grandchildren.

His wife, the former Rose Wallitzer of New York, died several years ago.

Papernick died of heart failure while on vacation.

Blood clinic

TORONTO —
A Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held from 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8 at Holy Blossom Temple, the temple has announced.

The need for blood is extremely strong this year, says donor coordinator Diane Wilson. Holy Blossom sponsored a Manulife Blood Donor Clinic in December and is now following up with an on-site clinic, she says.

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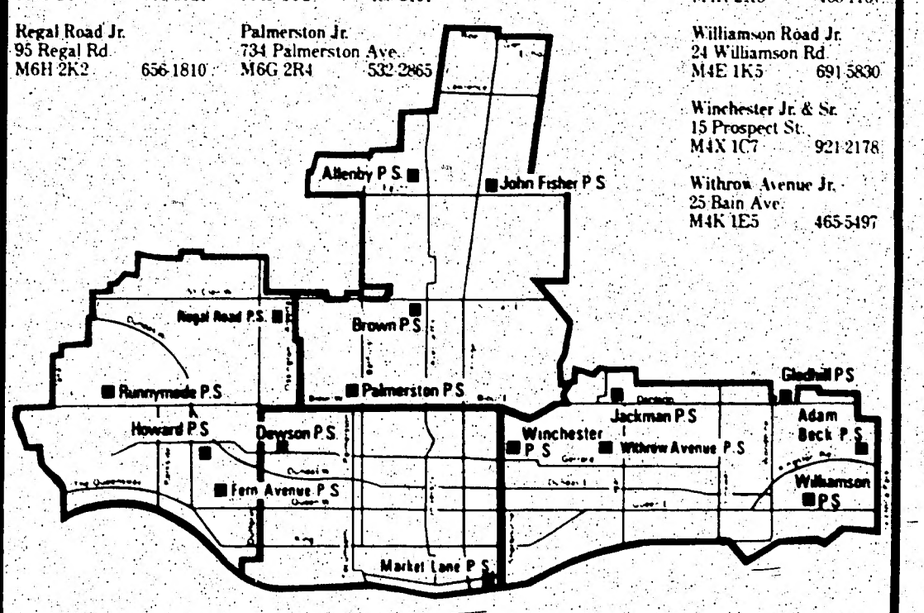

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Catholic rights "constitutionally developed"

Conway: Ont. won't fund independent schools

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
—The Ontario government does not intend to fund private or independent schools, Education Minister Sean Conway says.

In an interview with The CJN at his Queen's Park office, Conway said he is pleased with the recent Ontario Court of Appeal decision upholding full funding to Catholic separate schools but that his department won't buckle to pressure by extending provincial funds to other religious-based schools, including Jewish ones.

He said Catholic education in Ontario is a system "that has been constitutionally developed, with well-defined procedures," since Confederation in 1867, when the special rights of Catholic schools in Ontario and Protestant schools in Quebec were entrenched and protected.

Conway was reminded of a statement he made to the Windsor Board of Education last October, when he said: "As minister, I strongly believe in the right of every student to equal treatment in our school system."

The minister qualified the statement by telling The CJN he meant he is "in favor of funding both parts of the public school system" — the regular public system and the separate system.

"We do not intend to fund private schools," Conway said.

That despite the fact that the private commission headed by educator Bernard Shapiro last year recommended full provincial funding of private and independent schools and that a recent poll shows 67% of Ontarians favor full funding of private schools.

Sean Conway

"The Shapiro report was a very impressive piece of work and it deserves serious examination," Conway stated.

As for Ontario not funding private schools, "a lot of people have difficulty understanding that," given that five other provinces fund their private schools.

Currently, the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education, an arm of Canadian Jewish Congress, is appealing the Court of Appeal decision to the Supreme Court of Canada, arguing that funding one religious-based system but not others contravenes the equality provisions of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms [see story on pg. 27]

But Conway argues the Charter "does not apply to the separate school system," which he said is adequately protected by section 93 of the British North America Act.

Conway said the cost of funding grades 11, 12 and 13 in the Catholic system will be about $150 million more annually for an additional 35,000 students than the government spends on Catholic education today.

The cost of operating Ontario's 20 Jewish day schools, with 8,200 students, is today about $23 million, with one-third of that coming from the community and the remainder from tuition fees.

These days, though, find Conway enthusiastic about his ministry's sponsoring a provincial conference entitled Race and Ethnocultural Relations, to be held March 19 to 21 in Toronto.

The conference will bring together some 700 teachers, students, trustees and school administrators from every school board to discuss how to improve race relations in Ontario schools.

The meeting will examine issues like encouraging school boards without a multicultural policy to implement one; eliminating discrimination in the classroom; reviewing textbook policy; developing effective methods to combat racism and examining teacher education in race and ethnocultural relations, Conway explained.

For the Jewish community, the conference will mean a chance to air views on forced prayer in the non-Jewish classroom and —implementing Holocaust education in school curricula, Conway agreed.

He said the practice of "streaming," or automatically placing students from non-Canadian backgrounds into non-academic streams is "not wanted" in Ontario.

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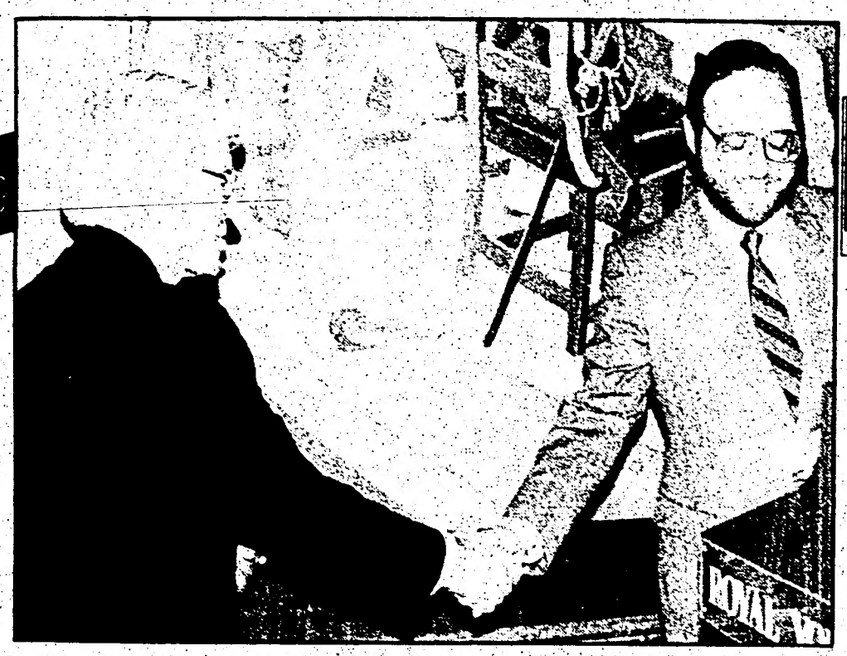

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Organizations and People

JCC's disABILITY Awareness Week

We are "inconvenienced"

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
We are not disabled persons, we are inconvenienced persons said the special guest at the opening ceremonies for the JCC's recent disABILITY Awareness Week.

In an impassioned speech, blind artist and educator Ron Satok eloquently explained in thunderous tones the frustration of being "inconvenienced," and the need to overcome personal obstacles.

Satok was one of several guests present for the opening ceremonies in the foyer of the North JCC to launch the week, March 2-9.

The week focused on the special needs and interests of the disabled.

The guests included Nita Goldband, chairperson of special needs; David Perlmutter, vice-president of the JCC; Paul Brownstein, executive director of the JCC; John Oostrom, MP for Willowdale; and Elinor Caplan, Ontario minister of government services.

"What it means to be an inconvenienced person is that part of your freedom has been taken away; what it means is you have to reroute yourself," Satok said.

The founder of the Ronald Satok School/Art Through Awareness and Action said he wanted inconvenienced people to become "outrageous," and have fun.

But, he said, the poverty of many such persons prevents them from leading fuller lives.

"You must be in control of your life. You must help yourself," he told the audience composed of able-bodied and disabled persons.

"The old saying that the meek shall inherit the earth no longer applies," said Satok, commenting that the disabled should not just be seen as a special segment of the population.

He asked the disabled persons in the audience to express mutual support by repeating aloud: "We must not be afraid to live. We must not be afraid to make a mistake, and ultimately we must not be afraid to die."

Helen Wolfe, program coordinator for special needs (front) and Nita Goldband, chairperson of special needs (back) watch Ronald Satok prepare to paint.

Then supporting his words with actions Satok and four of his students performed a short free movement dance.

When they were finished, Satok painted a luminescent abstraction and donated it to the Task Force on Jewish Persons with Disabilities and the JCC's Special Needs Department.

The occasion was also made more permanent through the presentation of a special plaque from Anthony Ruprecht, the provincial minister without portfolio responsible for citizenship and culture.

The representatives of the JCC, Goldband, Perlmutter and Brownstein commented on the value of the task force (celebrating its first anniversary) and the importance of serving some 200 mentally and physically handicapped persons.

"We of the JCC are proud that the task force and special needs people have found a home with us," Perlmutter said.

The week that followed the opening ceremonies was filled with a variety of activities, lectures and workshops of special interest to the disabled.

Among the offerings was a wheelchair floor hockey match between the JCC Almost All-Stars and the Bloorview Floor Hockey Champions. The special guest for the match was Ottawa Rough Rider football player Ken Clark.

Later in the week, the Toronto Spitfires champion wheelchair basketball team entertained a JCC team with their finesse on the court.

Also part of the program were a workshop demonstrating makeup and hairstyling tips for people with disabilities; lectures on the law and the disabled; and workshops on travel and recreation opportunities for people who are disabled.

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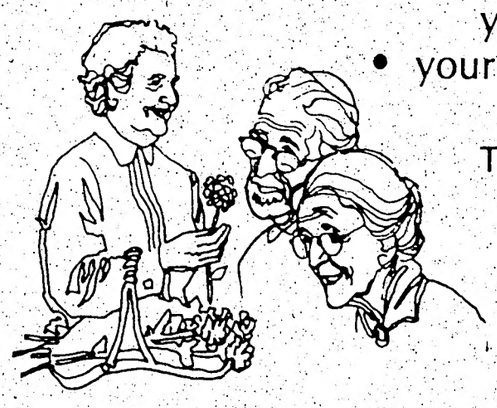

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Most significant family law change, says Scott

Equal property split shows "values changing"

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The equal division of all assets acquired during marriage is the single most significant aspect of the recently enacted Family Law Reform Act, Attorney-General Ian Scott said recently.

That 50-50 division is based on the premise that marriage is not just a social union, but an economic one as well, Scott told about 125 people attending a 1-day conference on the new legislation, sponsored by the Women's Perspective Advisory Committee.

Ian Scott

Provisions calling for the equal division of property on marriage breakdown indicate "our values are changing," Scott said, noting that 1978 amendments to family law allowed for the equal division only of "assets used by the family."

The FLRA, which came into force March 1, the date of the conference, applies to all assets, whether used by the family, in business or otherwise, as long as they were accumulated in the marriage partnership.

"The motivation for these changes has primarily come from women," Scott said, noting their "vigilance" and "self-dignity."

(The act excludes certain property, such as that acquired through inheritance, damages from certain civil suits and proceeds of a life insurance policy. The legislation also allows the spouses to exclude through contractual agreement any property they want to deem outside the purview of the law.)

Scott, who in addition to being attorney-general is the minister responsible for women's issues, said the women's movement "represents one of the most profound in the Western world," and one of the most important social changes since the Industrial Revolution.

About 2 million women in Ontario are part of the workforce, he noted, and families are no longer responding to the same economic criteria of a generation ago.

He noted that 40% of marriages end in divorce, and that 60% of the divorced partners eventually remarry.

The new legislation is geared to take these changes into account, he suggested, adding the government is open to suggestions on improving the law.

Turning to a related issue, Scott called the non-payment of court-ordered financial support "a modern plague." About 85% of such orders are not complied with to some extent, he told the seminar, leading to increased burden on taxpayers, who have to pick up the slack through higher welfare and other social program costs.

Scott said the Custody and Support Act, to take effect in the fall, will reverse that situation and make compliance 85% effective. The effect of that new legislation will be to save the taxpayer from $12-$25 million per year, he said.

During a panel discussion which followed Scott's opening address, panelists Barbara Landau, Rodica David, John Syrtash, Linda Silver Dranoff and Mary Jane Mossman discussed the practical results of the new FLRA.

David, author of Marriage and Family Law in Ontario, noted the law imposes a "community of property" regime, which assumes an equal contribution of assets to the marriage.

David pointed to a provision of the law which allows a spouse to ask the court to divide the assets before a marriage breakdown, if the applicant can show the other spouse is depleting the assets.

When both spouses' assets are valued and it is determined the assets of one exceed those of another, equalization may require the transfer or sale of some assets, she stated.

Syrtash, a family law lawyer, told the meeting that spouses can contract out of the provisions of the legislation and impose whatever property division they choose.

As a result "you've got to be very careful in signing" either a marriage contract, a cohabitation contract or a separation agreement, said Syrtash, who represented a coalition of groups asking for changes to the legislation to make it easier for Jews to obtain a get.

While parties can opt out of the provisions of the FLRA as regards property division, courts can override their contractual arrangements when financial support for, and access to children are involved, Syrtash added.

Furthermore, couples who are not married but who cohabit, do not come under the provisions of the property division formula of the act.

Syrtash recommended anyone considering executing a contract that deals with their property rights first obtain "independent legal advice."

Mossman, an associate professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, told the seminar that in addition to the "dramatic changes" in property division, the legislation makes "a few changes" in support provisions.

Not only do married couples have the obligation to provide support, but those cohabiting "may have the obligation to support each other," she said, if they have lived together for three years.

Dranoff, author of Every Woman's Guide to the Law, noted that until the new legislation came into effect, a spouse could disinherit his or her marriage partner through provisions in a will.

Now, there is a mandatory sharing on death which affects the freedom to dispose of assets, she said.

Under the terms of the FLRA, a spouse can elect to take the legacy set out in the will, or choose to receive a 50% share of the assets.

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Sephardim mark launching of ties

Israeli, Spanish diplomats join in celebration

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Officials of Israel and Spain recently toasted the launching of diplomatic ties between their two countries to the joyous oles of some 500 members of Toronto's Spanish Jewish community.

Spain's ambassador to Canada, Javier Oyarzun, remarked: "How beautiful it is to see the flags of Israel and Spain standing here side by side. May they always remain together."

Simon Keslassy, president of the Ontario Sephardic Federation, praised Spain's King Juan Carlos and Prime Minister Felipe Gonzales "for recognizing Israel despite threats and pressure from Arab countries."

As kosher Rioja Abarbanel wine flowed, the two men joined Gideon Saguy, Israel consul-general, and Leon Oziel, president of the Canadian Sephardic Federation, in a rousing hora. Spain's folklore group Tuna Estudiantil De La Universidad de Malaga provided a joyous Hava Nagila.

Also contributing to the vinational simcha at Petach Tikva Anshe Castilla Synagogue were Israel's Amranim Singers and the local Sibony Brothers, who sang Ladino folk songs.

An essay contest was announced for students 13-17 years of age on the Sephardic contribution to Spain. Sponsor is the Spanish National Tourist Office, in conjunction with Iberia Airlines and the Ontario Sephardic Association. First prize is a trip to Spain. More information is available through the tourist office (416) 961-3131, or the association, 630-7136.

Also participating were Jose Nunez de Las Chevas, consul of Spain for tourist affairs, and Abraham Drury, director-general of the Israel government tourist office. Travel presentations on the two countries were featured. A table laden with colorful brochures and maps of Spain was quickly emptied.

Also present were reporters from Spain and the local MTV Productions. Spain expelled its 500,000 Jews in 1492, a traumatic episode in Jewish history. In response to a reporter's question on the significance of Spanish-Israeli ties to his own local community, Keslassy said:

"We are descended from the Jews of Spain. Our very name, Sephardim, comes from the Hebrew word for Spain, Sepharad."

He added: "Spain is a country of Jewish culture and heritage."

Sponsor of the event was the Ontario Sephardic Association. It was open to the community at large, but conducted largely in Spanish. Association executive director Max Benaim told The Canadian Jewish News that more would be done to orient non-Spanish speaking visitors to future functions.

Flanking Janier Oyarzun and his wife Maria Rosa are Simon Keslassy (left), Leon Oziel (standing), and Gideon Saguy. [Graphic Artists photo]

Rabbi Ronald Price of Conservative Union will visit

NEW YORK —

Rabbi Ronald Price, executive director of the Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism, will be visiting Toronto to address the congregation of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am at Shabbat morning services on March 15 and to speak at a breakfast meeting of the Beth Tzedec Synagogue Men's Club on Sunday, March 16. Both events are open to the public.

The Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism was founded in 1983 for the purpose of promoting traditional halachic Judaism, both within the Conservative movement and throughout the Jewish community.

Rabbi Ronald Price

Price will deliver the sermon at the Shabbat morning service (which begins at 9 a.m.) of Beth David. Following services, the Rabbi will take part in a study kiddush, where he will be available to answer questions about his organization.

At the Beth Tzedec Men's Club meeting, scheduled for 9.30 a.m., Price will speak on the topic, The Union for Traditional Judaism: The Future of the Conservative Movement. A discussion will follow on the UTCJ and the needs of Toronto's Jewish community.

The UTCJ's goal says Price, is "to make tradition accessible without resorting to populist change. Through national and regional projects, forums and educational programs, we strive to unite the forces of traditional halachic Judaism, and encourage Jews to identify themselves by their way of life and practice, rather than by institutional affiliation alone."

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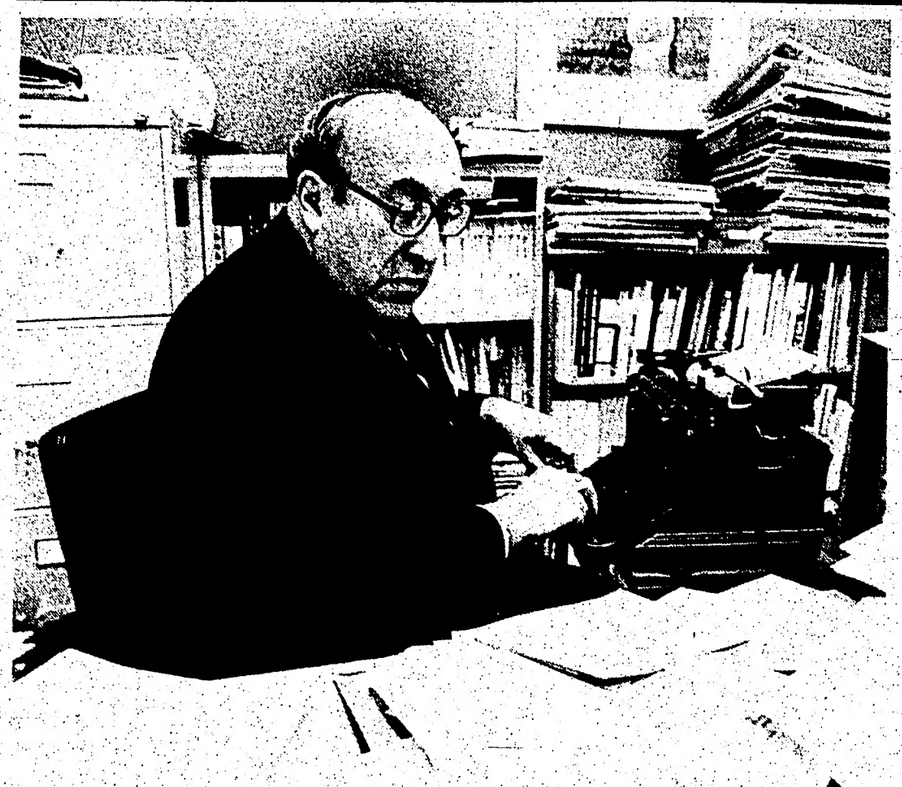

Mark Gayn is seen at work on a story in this 1975 photograph.

Display reveals life of Jewish journalist

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
A small, well ordered exhibit of memorabilia tells the lifestory of the late Jewish journalist Mark Gayn at the University of Toronto's Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library until March 31.

Assembled from the library's Mark Gayn Collection of pamphlets, photographs, newspaper clippings and other ephemera, the exhibit encapsulizes the life and career of a foreign correspondent present at many of the historic events of this century.

Born in 1909 in Barim near the Manchurian-Mongolian border, Gayn was the son of Russian-Jewish parents.

His original family name Ginsbourg was changed after the beginning of World War II to prevent Japanese repraisals (for what he wrote) against his brother, Sam who was in Shanghai.

At one point to protect Sam, Gayn wrote under the pseudonym Alfred Lusk. He published Japan Tightens Her Belt, in the China Press on April 13, 1940 under that name.

His career as a journalist began in Vladivostok in the early 20s when he sold his first two stories, a review and a report on the city's volleyball team, to Krasnoe Znamia (Red Banner).

In 1933, Gayn graduated magna cum laude from Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., and later that year entered the School of Journalism at Columbia University after receiving a Pulitzer traveling scholarship.

The diploma he received from Pomona, his American Newspaper Guild membership card, press card for the Chicago Sun, letters of accreditation, and other personal items fill the first exhibition case.

The remaining seven cases tell the story of a man who travelled throughout China, Japan and the Soviet Union and translated his experiences for a curious Western audience.

Gayn wrote for such diverse publications as the China Weekly Review, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Colliers, and Le Monde.

In 1952 Gayn and his third, surviving, wife Suzanne (his two previous wives had died) emigrated to Canada.

He joined the Toronto Daily Star in 1959 as an expert on Eastern affairs and as an editorial writer, and was on the staff of the Star until his death in 1981.

However, Gayn's erudition and knowledge of the East poured out over the years not only in newspapers and magazines, but in books, and on radio and television as a commentator and narrator.

This modest exhibit, housed in the quiet, glowing atmosphere of the rare books library is a brief introduction to the prolific output of a man singlemindedly dedicated to his craft.

The Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library forms the southern wing of the University of Toronto's John P. Robarts Research Library complex, 120 St. George St. The hours of the exhibit are 9 to 5, and admission is free.

Organization will honor Jewish women

TORONTO —
The Lubavitch Women's Organization is sponsoring a week of special activities in honor of Jewish Women, Saturday March 22 to Wednesday March 26.

The Week of the Jewish Woman, Priorities 86, coincides with the week of Purim because at the centre of the celebration is a woman, Esther, says publicity chairman, Sherri Wise.

Wise says the Lubavitch Rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson, has endorsed the proclamation of the Week of the Jewish Woman in New York. Special activities will also be held there.

At the Lubavitch Community Centre in Thornhill (770 Chabad Gate), on Saturday, March 22, at 8.30 p.m. a Melave Malke celebration exclusively for women will be held, says Wise.

Rabbi Zalman Aaron Grossbaum, the guest speaker, will talk about the sacrifice of Russian Jews. The cost for dinner, speaker, and entertainment by a girls choir is $8.50. Those interested in attending should phone 731-7000 to register.

As part of their outreach program, the women will set up a table at the Northern Branch of the Jewish Community Centre Monday, March 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to distribute shalach manot (Purim gifts of food). A slide presentation entitled My Grandmother's Secret will also be shown.

On Wednesday, March 26, the women will have a kosher food display at the Miracle Food Mart in Cedarcroft Plaza (Cedarcroft and Bathurst).

At 8 p.m. on March 26, in the Lubavitch Community Centre, Bronya Shaffer will speak on Successful Marriage — The Jewish Way. She will be followed by: Corinne Korzen, a Toronto lawyer, who will talk about Career And The Jewish Woman; and musical entertainment by singer Barbara Hakuk.

The event is for women only and the price of admission is $3. Refreshments will be served.

Wise says last year's Week of the Jewish Woman was "just a lot of fun," and drew a mixed crowd ranging from the Orthodox to those interested in discovering their Jewish roots.

For more information, phone 731-7000.

Grossman criticizes govt. for rejecting Shapiro report

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
The Ontario government under former Premier William Davis did not anticipate the problems that have accompanied implementing extended separate school funding, says Opposition leader Larry Grossman.

"We had anticipated that separate school funding would go more smoothly and that the Shapiro report (on funding for non-Catholic independent schools) would allow us to reflect upon the funding for other schools at the conclusion of a fairly smooth implementation period," Grossman told The Canadian Jewish News.

"It worked out different. The implementation period has been far more difficult and worse than that it's caused a lot of fears."

Grossman, who has abandoned his trademark glasses in favor of wearing contact lenses, criticized the government for rejecting the Shapiro report, claiming that Education Minister Sean Conway rejected the document before receiving it.

He said that while the separate school funding issue has caused a great deal of conern among the public, he has noticed that the "volume" is being turned down as time passes and the implementation arrangements are being made.

However, he said that if the Ontario Court of Appeal decision supporting Bill 30 (the legislation to extend funding) had come out the other way, "all the sides would have drawn the line and have gone to war again."

Grossman said he believes the issue will eventually work itself out and that public education in Ontario will continue to be well funded, regardless of who's in office.

"The school system is undergoing a great deal of pressure in Ontario thanks to the separate school funding issue. We have to get that turmoil resolved."

Before Bill 30 is passed, Grossman said his party will propose a number of amendments. While declining to spell out the changes he would like to see, he said his party has always believed that public funding must go together with public access.

The Conservative leader said his caucus will also meet with Bernard Shapiro within the next two months in order to gain a better understanding of the report.

Turning to the issue of Sunday shopping, Grossman said that while his party's traveling task force on extended shopping hours is hearing more submissions in favor of maintaing the status quo, he defended his party's decision to support changes in the Retail Business Holidays Act.

"I think what's happening is the task force is hearing from people who have justifiable concerns about Sunday being made like Thursday and we're not saying that. The changes are designed to clear up some of the anomalies to have a fairer piece of legislation," Grossman said.

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Age doesn't slow down senior's work for ORT

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Ninety-two this month and plagued by arthritis, Anna Minden has finally accepted her age.

Until a couple of years ago she could still run up three flights of stairs but gazing out at the snow and ice covering the circular driveway of her stately old home on Markland St. she ruefully admits that she daren't venture out on her own.

A few recent "episodes," Minden says, "have convinced me that I am an old lady."

But there's still that incredible energy. She still does the telephoning for executive meetings of her beloved ORT and with her daughter Malka, Simon's assistance, still looks after her properties and business affairs.

There are the young "proteges" she takes under wing and guides towards a productive future and she still loves to attend weddings, bar mitzvahs and garden parties.

Anna Minden is the grande dame of the Hamilton community, revered by all who know her. But how to tell about her in a few short paragraphs?

She is probably best known as the co-founder, with the late Zelda Robinson, of Hamilton Women's ORT.

It was difficult at first but "Anna was persistent and tenacious and she really pushed for it," recalls former president Sylvia Jacobs. "The whole concept of people helping people help themselves is what appealed to her."

Helping people is what Minden is all about. Born Anna Pearlstein in Montreal to immigrants from Odessa, she was the eldest of six. When she was 5, the family moved to Hamilton, where her father manufactured cigars.

"My life has always been a life of responsibility. I was always my mother's right hand" and after her mother's early death, Minden cared for her three sisters and two brothers besides helping her father.

Devoted to her late husband Louis, she worked with him in their ladies wear business, building it up to three fashionable stores that carried "only the best" and drew customers from across the border and as far away as Ottawa.

Over tea and a cake she has baked the night before, Minden remembers how "exceptionally busy" she was as a young woman, looking after a 14-room house, the stores, her two daughters (the eldest is Adele Sager of Toronto) and a household that at times numbered as many as 25.

She talks of her five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and confesses she misses the lavishness of a large household.

Anna Minden

She read extensively, took a keen interest in the theatre and the arts and knew many of the prominent people of her day.

Intent on finding the obituaries of her two brothers, the late Jack Pearlstein, of Toronto, and Max Pearlstein, who worked for the Toronto Star, Minden comes across numerous certificates and awards but dismisses them with a wave of the hand. "I don't like being made a fuss of. Either you love what you're doing or you don't do it!"

She loved it. She was an early member of Hadassah and of the National Council of Jewish Women, co-chairman of the UJA Women's Division ("oh, about 10 times"); she was one of the first to sell Israel Bonds in Hamilton and she took an active interest in Temple Anshe Sholom, of which her husband was president. There was the Heart Foundation, the Red Cross, the Player's Guild . . . And she was known as a gracious hostess who opened her home for many events.

Minden was always "a mothering person," says her sister-in-law Bertha Sole and tells of the "alley cats Anna was forever picking up . . . getting people out of the gutter and making a mensch out of them."

And she was a doer. "You should see her even now, on her bed, with two telephones . . ." helping, organizing and being involved!

Latner makes CZF finals

TORONTO — David Latner, speaking on Can We Build Trust between Arabs and Jews? became the third finalist in the Canadian Zionist Federation Public Speaking Competition For Youth — Category C, (ages 23-30) as the result of a semi-final heat held recently.

Latner will join fellow lawyer Ernest Roll and University of Toronto student Mark Adler in competing for the $1,00 cash prize in the finals to be held on Sunday, April 6.

Winning both the plaudits and hearts of the audience were the contestants in the 15-17 age group. Joel Beasley, speaking on Unknown Jewish Heroes; Amy Freedman on Women and Judaism — A Changing Role; and Ruth Magder on Aliyah — The Dilemma Facing Jewish Youth in the Diaspora, were all well received by a larger than usual audience.

Les Scheininger, Prof. Henry Weinberg and Monty Robins were faced with a difficult decision before judging Amy Freedman the winner. However, based on points, Beasley will join Felicia Zeidman, and first semi-final heat winner David Hackam, in the finals of this category.

In Category B (ages 19-22) Steven Shulman won his semi-final heat against Mitchell Osak and Sara Levine and joins David Kerzner and Jennifer Paton in the finals. Judges were Joe Lichtig, Gary Diamond and Rose Silverman.

Israel future hurt by education cuts

TORONTO — Reduced expenditures in education in Israel are harming the country because its future is linked to the development of high-technology industry, says Emmanuel Shimoni, the Technion's representative in Canada.

High technology relies upon scientists and engineers produced by Israeli universities in general and the Technion in particular, Shimoni told the Beth Tzedec Congregation Breakfast Club recently.

While Israel's political, military and even economic situation is better today than a decade ago, the continuingg needs of defence and obligations of debt repayment have forced cuts in health, welfare and education budgets, he said.

"The basic problem confronting the state is still economic survival," said Shimoni, who has also served as a counselor in the Israeli Embassy in Ottawa.

Comparing the function of other foreign diplomats with that of Jerusalem's representatives abroad, he defined the latters' role as mobilizing the forces of the Jewish people in favor of Israel rather than merely winning sympathy and understanding.

"While Israel's future is by no means in doubt nor its survival in question," Shimoni said, "how quickly and easily it emerges from the economic crisis can be influenced by the assistance of Jewish communities, and what character Israel will have in the future is definitely a matter of common concern and mutual influence."

Finkler to receive doctorate

TORONTO — Leona Finkler, national president of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, will receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the university at a special convocation at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue on Monday, June 9.

Prof. Michael Albeck, the president of Bar-Ilan in Ramat Gan, Israel, announced that Prof. Emmanuel Rackman, university chancellor, will confer the degree on Finkler "in recognition of her unceasing efforts and extraordinary achievements on behalf of the community in Canada and Israel."

Leona Finkler

Rackman noted that the tribute dinner will honor Finkler "for almost four decades of service to Israel and the Jewish people." He described her as a woman with "creative energy and sense of purpose which have assured great accomplishment."

The Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University will host the evening.

Finkler, a survivor of Auschwitz, and other concentration camps, became active in Jewish causes in Europe soon after liberation. On their arrival in Canada, Finkler and her husband Arnold devoted themselves to many causes in this country and Israel, the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University said in a statement.

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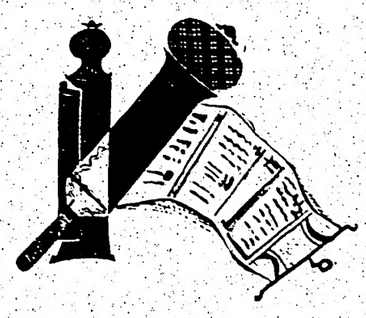

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Claims "discrimination and inequality"

CJC to appeal Catholic school funding decision

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region), in a terse statement last week, said it would appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada the recent ruling by the Ontario Court of Appeal on the constitutionality of Catholic school funding.

The Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education (OJAEE), a CJC committee, stated it was "disappointed" by the court's decision that Bill 30, the full funding law, is legal and does not contravene the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Ontario Court of Appeal ruled 3-2 that extending provincial funds to Catholic grades 11-13 is constitutionally valid and legal but not applicable to other private, including Jewish, schools.

The court rejected arguments by CJC and other groups that under the equality provisions of the Charter, funding one religious-based educational system but not others is discriminatory and illegal.

Murray Segal, OJAEE chairman, stated it is "indeed a moral outrage that discrimination and inequality exist in the funding of education in Ontario, as is found to be the case by five justices on the Ontario Court of Appeal."

Segal was referring to the fact that even the justices writing for the majority hinted that funding Catholic grades but not others, although legal, is unfair.

The two dissenting justices argued forcefully that Bill 30 is unlawful discrimination because it favors one religious group over another.

"It is the intention of the CJC to seek redress of this situation by asking for intervention status in the appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada," Congress stated.

Congress will join other groups in the appeal: the Metro Toronto School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation.

Congress has gone on record as supporting full funding to Catholic schools.

Segal told The CJN the court's decision was "improper and immoral" in light of the Charter. Before the Charter came into effect last year, it was still improper and immoral to fully fund Catholic schools but it was legal. Now, Segal contends, funding Catholic grades beyond grade 10 but not other religious systems, is "clearly discrimination."

Segal said it is "highly likely" CJC lawyers will include in their appeal the results of last year's Shapiro Commission report, which recommended provincial funding of all private schools in Ontario.

More ammunition for the appeal is contained in the results of a private opinion poll released last month, which showed that 67% of Ontarians favor provincial funding of private and independent schools, provided they meet government standards, Segal noted.

He added he thinks the Supreme Court will take a "broader look" at the issue than did the Ontario court and will take into account the fact that private and independent school systems are funded in five other provinces.

In 1984-85, according to CJC figures, the total expenditure of all 20 Ontario Jewish day schools, with 8,200 students, was about $23.5 million. Tuition fees accounted for two-thirds of that, with the remainder coming from the community.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, agreed the court decision is "terribly disappointing" to the Jewish community.

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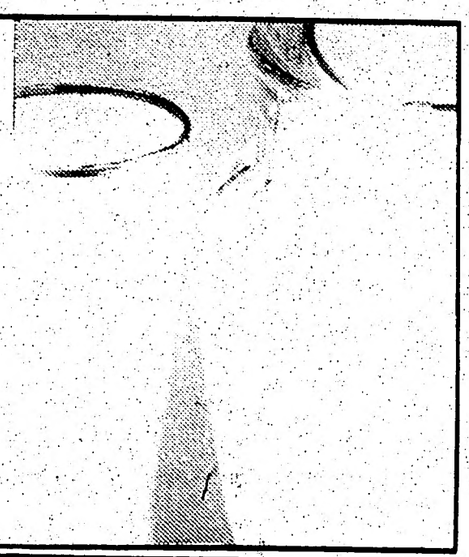

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Science called an aid to Torah observance

By SERGE TITTLEY

TORONTO — Science and technology are God's gifts to the world, but they are also "opportunities for furthering Torah service and advancing Torah observance," says Rabbi Yaakov Wiener, an Israeli authority on halacha and science.

Halacha has the resources to help observant Jews live in the modern world without renouncing the benefits of that world, Wiener told an audience at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, at a recent meeting sponsored jointly by the congregation and the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists.

Wiener, dean of the Joseph Tanenbaum Institute of Science and Halacha in Jerusalem, said the institute's purpose is to deal with issues arising out of the encounter between traditional Sabbath observance and the demands of a modern society with its complex of services: medical, military, and security.

There need be no desecration of the Sabbath in order for people to use resources which they have come to rely upon to such a great degree, he said.

However, the rabbi emphasized that the use of resources and equipment under circumstances that would generally be forbidden by halacha can be permitted only if their use is necessary for "bikur hanefesh," the preservation of life.

Such equipment must be modified to avoid clear and unequivocal injunctions against the use of fire on the Sabbath. (Halacha has analogized electrical current as "fire" and thereby placed it in a prohibited category in terms of Sabbath observance.)

Wiener illustrated his talk with examples drawn from the challenges his institute has tackled over the past 20 years, including development of the "Gromah switch." The switch has made it possible for observant medical and security personnel to use telephone and other devices requiring human-activated electrical current, something normally forbidden on the Sabbath.

The switch is designed to operate in such a way that human action is not the cause by which an electrical current is closed, thereby allowing a piece of equipment to be used. Since the switch is mechanical, and requires no human power to do its job, it may be used on the Sabbath.

Wiener said the institute's talumdic scholars sought a proper analogy in Jewish legal literature, finally coming up with arguments drawn from sources which deal with the complex issue of what constitutes human action.

The Gromah switch may have applications elsewhere, such as on electrically powered wheelchairs, Wiener said. And although the new telephone has been the cause of some complaints — it takes somewhat longer to place a call — Institute researchers on working on a "revolutionary" model.

The latter should speed up the process without resorting to a current push-button phone which is not particularly appropriate since it compels too great a degree of human action to operate halachically, he said.

The institute's concerns are wide ranging. They include matters as diverse as the propriety of repairing a power utility auxiliary dynamo on the Sabbath — permitted, since the absence of a replacement dynamo in case a mainline unit breaks down could prove disastrous to hospital patients — to the efficient plucking of feathers from ritually slaughtered chickens, without the use of hot water.

On the last point, Wiener explained that institute researchers had determined that if a chicken's nervous system is tampered with in an halachically appropriate manner after schitah, then the bird's feather-plucking resistance is brought down to 200 grams from 600 grams for about five minutes. This makes it possible to market clean kosher fowl, even if the birds are older, which makes them tougher to pluck.

CROATIANS PROTEST

Members of Toronto's Croatian community were still demonstrating all last week in front of the United States consulate on University Ave. They were protesting against the deportation by the U.S. to Yugoslavia of Andrija Artukovic, the 86-year-old former minister of the interior of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, who is accused of war crimes for his role in the deaths of 700,000 Jews, Serbs and Gypsies. Known as the "butcher of the Balkans," Artukovic has been described by the U.S. Office of Special Investigations as the highest ranking Nazi war criminal ever to come to the United States. [Graphic Artists photo]

Alexander MacIntosh

William McMillan

Chairmen named for Campeau fete

TORONTO — Banker William McMillan and lawyer Alexander MacIntosh will chair the B'nai B'rith Canada dinner March 18 honoring Robert Campeau, chairman of the Campeau Corporation.

Campeau will be presented with B'nai B'rith's Award of Merit, presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to Canadian society. He was chosen for his contribution to the growth of the Canadian corporate and business communities.

McMillan is regional vice-president of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

MacIntosh is a partner in the law firm, Blake, Cassels & Graydon, and a director of a number of Canadian corporations.

The dinner will be held in Ottawa — the first time that the award will be presented there — at the Skyline Hotel.

Bridge demolition affects Bathurst

TORONTO — **The Metro Toronto department of roads and traffic has announced it will be demolishing and replacing the bridge that carries Old Forest Hill Rd. over Bathurst St. this month.**

The department says there will be certain unavoidable inconveniences to area residents including:

- Old Forest Hill Rd. will be closed to through vehicles and pedestrians on both sides of Bathurst St. Local vehicular and pedestrian access only will be maintained.
- Traffic on Bathurst will be restricted to only one lane in each direction for the duration of the work.
- Bathurst will be temporarily completely closed to all traffic (vehicles and pedestrians) on two occasions only. These will be (a) on Sunday, April 13, to permit the taking down of the old beams over Bathurst, and (b) on a subsequent Sunday, to be determined, to permit the erection of new beams.

The closures will be lifted as soon as each operation is completed.

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Shown in Soviet Union

Film on Zionism criticized

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

A film about Zionism and Soviet Jews aired last fall on prime-time television in the Soviet Union served to increase anit-semitism in that country says the national co-ordinator of B'nai B'rith Hillel.

"This film caused Soviet citizens to feel that there are traitors among them and as a result anti-semitic sentiment is even stronger in the Soviet Union," says Wally Reinstein.

Reinstein and Rena Cohen, chairman of Lifeline Letters, Interreligious Task Force for Human Rights in the Soviet Union, showed the film recently to members of the Beth Sholom Brotherhood at their weekly breakfast meeting.

Reinstein told the audience that the film, aired in Leningrad in November, is part of a "new wave of anti-semitic propaganda."

In an English voice-over accompanied by loud upbeat music with shots of street scenes, Jews and other Soviet citizens and Western leaders, the narrator of the film says among other things that those promoting aliya are deceiving Jews against the Communist system and that people are running away from Israel because they cannot live under the Zionists.

The narrator says that the Israeli shortwave broadcasts "shamelessly distort truth about the life of Jews in the Soviet Union" and agents of international Zionism enter the country to try and inspire Soviet citizens to leave.

He adds that he cannot understand why these people bring in literature "hostile to our country — literature with lies about life in Israel." The narrator notes that this material fails to explain that people in Israel have no jobs, no money and resent being in the army.

Reinstein said after the film that if we look at the film through the eyes of a Soviet citizen "it is easy to understand why they begin to see Soviet Jews as traitors to their own country."

He added that Soviet citizens are told that Refuseniks are not fired from their jobs, but leave on their own "because they receive so much money and gifts from Western visitors they do not have to work." In fact, he said, Refuseniks are dismissed from jobs and are continually harrased by Soviet officials.

He noted that some of these Jews have been denied exit visas for 17 years because of knowledge of state secrets "even though the knowledge is supposed to be obsolete after 10 years."

Reinstein said that Refuseniks are always being falsely accused of such crimes as taking drugs and carrying illegal weapons. "It is a tough, tough life to be a Jew in Russia," he said.

Cohen, who said she was very moved by the film, told the audience that she shows the film because she "needs help with her burden.

"Please make a pact with yourself to send cards and write letters. The more we write, the more chance that letters will get through," said Cohen.

She added that the Soviet government measures our concern by our involvement. "A large volume of mail demonstrates louder than words whether our concern is (genuine) or not," she said, adding that letters considerably lift the morale of a Refusenik.

She gave instructions on how to write letters to the Soviet Union as well as postcards to be mailed to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark urging him to intervene on behalf of Soviet Jews.

For more information, Rena Cohen can be reached at 12 Carscadden Drive, Toronto M2R 2A7, phone 633-4788.

Senior, 90, takes pen in hand to report the news

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

One of Winnipeg's newest journalists is a 90-year-old former pharmacist living in a Jewish senior citizens home.

"Dr. Faintuch (the home's director) asked me to create the Sharon Home News Bulletin when my wife and I moved in here a year and a half ago," says Joe Wilder.

"I agreed on condition that the department heads supply me with the information."

The Bulletin has a circulation of 500-1,000 readers. It is distributed to residents of the home, their families, the news media and other Jewish senior citizens homes throughout Canada and the United States. Wilder fills it with profiles of residents he interviews, news and other information useful to his readers.

To facilitate his work and other writings, the staff at the Sharon Home has supplied Wilder with an office in the building's basement complete with desk and typewriter, filing cabinets and shelves for his reference books.

He puts in two hours every morning on the Bulletin and other freelance writing assignments. He also writes for different papers and pharmaceutical journals occasionally and was recently published in an international perfume journal.

Although he claims he always had a flair for writing, Wilder didn't develop his abilities until after he retired from a lifetime in the pharmaceutical business. About 10 years ago, he signed up for a senior citizens writing

Joe Wilder

class and the words began to flow.

At 82, he had his first book published — Read All About It, describing his early days in Winnipeg. At 84, his second book appeared: Lotion, Potions and Liniments Pure, a series of vignettes drawn from his years running a pharmacy in Winnipeg. For the last few years, he has also written and edited the regular bulletin for the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, Winnipeg's largest Conservative synagogue.

"It's a wonderful feeling to be able to write and get paid for it," he said of his freelance work and books.

"One of my biggest thrills was the first check I received from a newspaper for an article I had written.

"I still get a lot of calls and fan mail from readers of my books, too, and they (the books) are used as part of social studies curriculums in Winnipeg, Calgary and Toronto."

With two books and numerous articles under his belt, Wilder still hopes to improve. He still regularly attends that writing group where his second career began 10 years ago.

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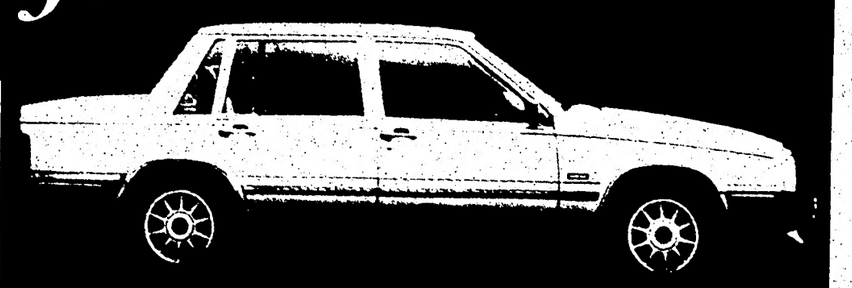

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Lifestyle

Two cups of wine symbolize couple's later life

By
EVELYN HOFFMAN
& MYRA FELDMAN

Q. Why do the bride and groom drink from two separate cups of wine during the wedding ceremony?

A. There are two explanations for this. By both parties sipping from both cups of wine, they are expressing their willingness to face life's vicissitudes as equal partners, as the two cups symbolize the joy and sorrow the couple may encounter in life.

The other explanation is that, in the beginning, there were two separate and distinct ceremonies. The first ceremony was called kiddushin. This was the betrothal, the equivalent of our engagement ceremony, and on this occasion prayers were recited and a cup of wine was shared by the bride and groom.

The second ceremony was called nisuin, the actual marriage ceremony, and here again blessings were also recited over a cup of wine from which the bride and groom drank.

The practice of reciting blessings over two separate cups of wine continued even when the two ceremonies were incorporated into one.

Q. My parents and I would like to walk together to the chupah but the aisle is too narrow. How can we walk?

A. If the aisle is too narrow for three to walk abreast, the groom should walk slightly ahead of his parents, but still enable them to hold his arm. The same should apply to the bride, especially if her gown is very full.

Another solution would be for the parents to walk in first, waiting in the aisle, closer to the canopy, for the groom to arrive, and escort him from that point. The same should apply to the bride.

Q. Why are the phrases "mazel tov and siman tov" shouted at the end of the wedding ceremony, after the glass is broken by the groom.

A. Mazel tov and siman tov have ancient roots. Ashkenazim used the words mazel tov and sephardim used the words siman tov. In biblical and talmudic times, mazel tov was translated "good star," and later it took on a second meaning "good luck" and siman tov means "good omen."

To this day these words are used to express congratulations and best wishes to the bride and groom.

Q. We are having a problem with the head table. We are the youngest of both families and all our brothers and sisters are married.

We want all of them at the head table. Our caterer says the table is going to be too long. Should we only have our parents and grandparents at the head table?

A. It is not necessary to eliminate your brothers and sisters from the head table, especially if you are a close-knit family.

A nice solution is having an elevated head table of the bride and groom, parents, and grandparents.

Directly in front, floor level, you can have a lower head table for all your married brothers and sisters and their spouses.

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Editor's Note: Evelyn Hoffman and Myra Feldman are wedding consultants and coordinators, and will answer questions regarding Jewish weddings, in which they specialize. If you have a question write them c/o The Canadian Jewish News, or call Myra at (416) 782-2526 or Evelyn at (416) 638-2803.

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TORONTO —

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Run as corporations by elected boards of directors, condominium developments contain two types of property — the housing units owned by individuals and the common areas that belong to all homeowners.

"In most developments, the common areas include everything outside of the units themselves, even the exterior walls," says Mike Armstrong, a condominium expert with the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

All owners are required to maintain their own units and contribute a prescribed amount to a fund for the upkeep and repair of common areas.

The estoppel certificate will show the amount of common fund payments levied against the unit in question, whether the current owner is in arrears, and if any increases in the fees are expected. Substantial renovations or additions planned for the development will also be mentioned on the certificate, along with other information of use to buyers.

The estoppel must be accompanied by a copy of the condominium's declaration which sets out the common areas and individual units in detail.

In addition to managing the common property, the board of directors is responsible for enforcing the rules and bylaws of the corporation. These regulations affect the owners' use of the common areas and, in many cases, they even have an impact on what goes on inside the individual units, Armstrong says.

For example, many condominiums prohibit pets. Others may require that owners get permission from the board to plant flowers, install dishwashers or move interior walls.

"That's another reason it's so important to ask for an estoppel," says Armstrong. "You want to be sure you can live with the rules. You don't want to find out after you've bought that your two dogs can't move in with you. You might even discover too late that the development's garage is slated for major repairs and all unit owners have to put up $2,000 to pay for the work."

According to Armstrong, many people don't ask for an estoppel certificate until after they've signed an offer to buy the unit. At that point, it's too late to back out of the deal. If accepted, an offer is usually binding.

Once you've found a unit you'd like to buy, ask the board for the certificate before signing anything. The corporation is required by law to provide the package within seven days of receiving a request and the maximum charge permitted is $25.

Even after obtaining an estoppel, buyers shouldn't rush into making an offer, he says. Have a lawyer experienced with condominium deals investigate the unit. If everything is in order and you're convinced you will enjoy condominium life, get the lawyer to help draft an offer to purchase.

Buying a new condominium unit involves different concerns than a resale purchase, but careful investigation is just as important.

A brochure offering more information about buying condominiums — new and resale — is available from the ministry. For copies of answers to specific questions, contact Mike Armstrong, Business Practices Division, MCCR, 5th floor, 555 Yonge St., Toronto M7A 2H6 — (416) 963-0302.

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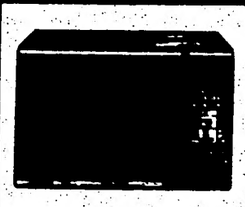

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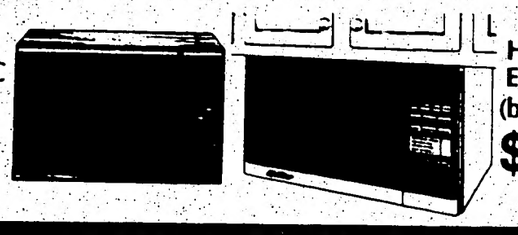

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Frankel, Fried introduce skin care collection

By LORI SMITH

The plethora of new skin care products on the market today indicates two trends in our society.

The first is that more women and men of all ages are concerned with having and maintaining healthy, supple, smooth skin.

The second is that in a culture heretofore obsessed with the particular beauty associated with youth, the mature woman is being acknowledged as being beautiful in every sense of the word (think of and thank celebrities like Katherine Hepburn, Jane Fonda and Joan Collins) and as having very specific skin care needs that must be addressed by that industry.

The New Chance collection of skin care products is the response of two Torontonians and long-time friends, Edie Frankel and June Fried, to this need.

Frankel, a broadcast journalist and television personality, explains that she and Freid both had what many women have — cupboards full of different creams and lotions.

Edie Frankel

"One of this and one of that. Moisturizers from here and there. Some reacted badly and some did not." But unable to find a skin care regime to answer all of her needs, Frankel approached her friend, Leslie Kelenyi, a Budapest-born cosmetics chemist, and asked him to create some skin care products for her.

Delighted with the results, Frankel decided to follow her life-long dream of having her own cosmetics collection by developing a skin care line for women like herself and Fried; women with mature skin, probably over-40 and whose skin care needs were not being met by other products on the market.

Kelenyi agreed to help and Fried joined to aid with the business end of the venture. After two years of careful research, development and a 6-month market test on 55 women, the line was launched.

6 products offered by New Chance

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Fashionable dresses fit and flatter

The type of cocktail, after-5 and evening dresses most women need bear only a slight resemblance to the avant garde clothing that for instance, Vogue, advocates be worn at those times. Most women need only a fashionable dress that fits and flatters.

Rachel Cantier, sales manager for R.C.G. Sales, the firm that represents Salbet Creations, a Montreal manufacturer of cocktail, after-5, and evening dresses and 2-piece outfits, says that Salbet always designs according to what is "in."

She says that this spring and summer the trends that began last fall will continue. Padded shoulders, dolman sleeves and pleated skirts remain popular style points. And on almost each dress in the Salbet collection the hips are wrapped.

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This spring and summer brights remain the popular colors.

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Arts

Israel, Spain join hands

Spirited singers add to the festivities

The Amranim Brothers were featured at Petah Tikvah Anshe Castilla Synagogue.

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

Naomi Shemer's Lots of Love, Shlomo Carlebach's Am Israel Chai and the Yemenite folk classic Dror Yikra from the group who made the last song famous.

Spain provided the lively refrains of Spanish folk classics from La Tuna Estudiantil de la Universidad de Malaga, who entertained the crowd both onstage at the beginning and end of the evening and even outside, within the lobby, during some of the speeches.

Spanish and Israeli diplomats dancing the hora symbolized the initiation of formal diplomatic ties between Spain and Israel at a recent festive musical and diplomatic function at Toronto's Petah Tikvah Anshe Castilla Synagogue.

Spain's ambassador to Canada, Javier Oyarsun, joined Israel's consul-general in Toronto, Gideon Saguy, dancing the hora to the spirited sounds of Israel's foremost standard-bearer folksong duo, the Amranim Brothers, amidst much festivity.

The overflowing audience sang along to such beloved selections as Naomi Shemer's Lots of Love, Shlomo Carlebach's Am Israel Chai and the Yemenite folk classic Dror Yikra from the group who made the last song famous.

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The speakers included Oyarsun, Saguy and Canadian and Ontario Sephardic Association officials such as Simon Keslassy, Maurice Benzacar, Leon Oziel together with Petah Tikvah Anshe Castilla president Meir Benmergui. Toronto Board of Jewish Education executive director Rabbi Irwin Witty was also present.

Movie presentations of Spain and Israel, together with additional entertainment by Charles and Simon Siboni, were also on the program. In short, a grand and high-spirited time befitting the importance of this happy event was had by all.

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Israel's Habimah National Theatre will be appearing at Quebec City's International Theatre Fortnight, May 30-June 14, performing an adaptation for stage by Steven Berkoff of Franz Kafka's The Trial, according to reliable sources.

This classic drama will feature Habimah actors Shimon Cohen, Ohad Shachar, Rivka Gur, Amos Levi and Idit Teperson.

Artistic director of the International Theatre Fortnight, which will feature major theatrical personalities from around the world, is Israeli-born Montreal-based Alexander Hausvater.

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Chrysler-Canada will be funding the 37-concert 1985-86 concert series at Roy Thomson Hall entitled Your Choice.

Among the many variety acts and classical music VIPs being brought in for this current series are the original Klezmorim from San Francisco, who will perform on March 23 at 2 p.m. Their appearance will be previewed next week in this column.

Guidebook for spiritual pilgrims

Path of self-renewal explored

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Heavenly Ladder, by Edward Hoffman. Fitzhenry & Whiteside $12.95 [Paperbound].

Mysticism asserts that there is a level of reality beyond the world of our senses. It is hidden to those who experience life on a superficial level, but it embodies the true meaning of existence.

The goal of the mystic is to establish an emotional bond with this secret meaning of life, to feel and embrace the vibrations that pulsate just beneath the facade of nature. The mystic wants to establish union (devekut) with God.

How the mystic reacts to his personal experience varies greatly. It may result in a surge of creative energy, or a turning inward in the quest for self-knowledge and understanding, or in the adoration of the One who stands in eternal opposition to the world of flux and illusion, or in the need to flee from a material world of distorted vision and false values.

Jewish mysticism rarely lost sight of the constraints of reason. The awareness of the distance between man and God was not overlooked — ecstasy was tempered by rationality. Chassidic mysticism, especially, was seldom isolated from the stresses and tensions of society. It was suffused with song, joy and humor.

Critics of the mystical tradition contend that its emphasis on the personal experience weakens a sense of comunal responsibility and diminishes a feeling for the ethical. Sometimes it leads to pantheism and encourages the practice of magical arts and an unwholesome interest in the occult.

The Heavenly Ladder is a guidebook for Jewish spiritual pilgrims who are in search of enlargement of spirit. Drawing on the richness of Jewish ethical writing, rabbinic legends, the wisdom of the sages and major works of mysticism, the author points out the path of self-renewal.

Explored in some depth are the ideas of Moses Maimonides, the chassidic masters, the 18th century Italian poet and mystic Moses Chaim Luzatto and Rabbi Israel Salanter, 19th century founder of a unique movement of character development (musar).

A feature of this slender volume are 28 "spiritual exercises." They involve meditation on letters of the Hebrew alphabet, honest self-evaluation, thoughts on the ideal society and the rearing of a ladder that rises from earth to heaven.

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The exercises are simple to perform, but require repetition, motivation and a fair degree of concentration.

The author, a clinical psychologist, has written a valuable guide for those yearning for inner wholeness and emotional growth within the Jewish tradition.

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Arts

Actress Pamela Boyd and her doll child Arran co-star in Inside Out.

Mothers may love Inside Out

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Inside Out, playing at the Tarragon Theatre's Extra Space until March 16, can be best described as a gimmicky, 1½-woman show designed for a specialized audience.

The one woman we see on stage is actress-playwright Pamela Boyd, who wrote this draggy, 80-minute monologue and plays the part of a frazzled mother named Ellen beset by what she calls "Pablum fever."

The ½ woman we never do see is the offstage voice of Margaret Carmichael. She voices the gurglings, burblings, wails and screams of Ellen's infant son named Arran.

Arran himself is a pimply, googly-eyed puppet who looks like a supremely ugly version of a Cabbage Patch doll that only a mother could love.

The trouble is that Arran's mother is a dimwit and a bore. She is supposed to be an actress who has written her first screenplay. But the dialogue at her command is severely limited.

She spends most of her time in the kitchen ordering her obstreperous child: "Arran, you go sit on the potty and poop!"

The rest of the time is devoted largely to prattling to herself: "Ellen, you must get your head out of the diaper pail, and get your act together!"

It's conceivable that other mothers may find something to love in this empty-head of a mother who is confined to bringing up her brattish baby, but not this reviewer.

It's the sort of play that only a mother could love — the actress-mother who wrote this dreary play to vent her frustration.

Field, Garner charm in Murphy's Romance

BY
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

As *Murphy's Romance* opens, Emma Moriarty (Sally Field) and her young son Jake are driving away from their troubles in a dusty, battered maroon pickup truck.

All their belongings, from a mattress to a floor lamp, are jumbled up in the back.

Emma has good reason to be starting again. Her marriage is finished and she wants to get as far away as possible from her ex-husband. She has rented a dilapidated ranch and hopes to earn a living soon as a horse trainer.

Visiting the nearby one-horse town during a shopping trip, she meets Murphy Jones (James Garner), a widowed pharmacist. They work up a platonic relationship which grows warmer with each passing scene.

Just as passion is about to bloom, Bobby Jack (Brian Kerwin), her ne'er-do-well ex roars into view on his motorcycle. Broke, with no apparent prospects, he convinces Emma to let him sponge off her.

Before long, Bobby Jack leaves. His teenage girlfriend, having borne him two out-of-wedlock children, rudely interrupts his idyl. Emma and Murphy continue their subtle courtship.

This, more or less, is the plot of Murphy's Romance, a quiet little film with comical undertones now playing at the York Odeon.

Sally Field, as usual, is an attractive presence. Invariably dressed in faded tight jeans, she is the epitome of a single mother who must fend for herself in a harsh world.

Field portrays a woman who has tired of living without a man around her. "I'm 33 and I live like a nun," she blurts out in one poignant scene.

But she has no use for Bobby Jack, an amiable jerk played to perfection by Kerwin.

Emma has fastened her eye on Murphy, a dowdy, down-to-earth grandfather of 60 who is still recovering from his wife's sudden death.

Looking his age, Garner projects a casualness of character that fits seamlessly into Murphy's Romance.

The Murphy Jones he depicts moves around with the slowness and ease of lizard under a sweltering Arizona summer sun.

Sure, Murphy can be riled. He doesn't particularly like the parking meter in front of his store. It's cost him a bundle in fines, given his insistence on parking his shiny antique car there after the expiry time. But Murphy, nevertheless, retains his good humor.

There really isn't a foul moment in Murphy's Romance, which unfolds much like a harmless daytime TV soap opera. Indeed, its inoffensiveness is the main reason why it fails to stir a viewer.

Treat it for what it is: a mild diversion without the slightest pretensions.

First performance in To. since 61

Direction makes Heiress work

TORONTO —

The Heiress, playing at Centre Stage Company until March 22, works triumphantly.

Adapted from Henry James' novel, *Washington Square*, by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, The Heiress is being staged in Toronto for the first time since 1961.

Centre Stage's production, directed with consummate skill by Eric Steiner, is by turns sprightly and deadly serious, a sorrowful chronicle of unrequited love.

Eric Steiner

Set in the opulent parlor of a New York City brownstone in the mid-19th century, The Heiress revolves around the lives of the Sloper family.

The head of the household, Dr. Sloper, a well-to-do physician, is frankly disappointed in Catherine, his shy, awkward unmarried daughter.

Catherine is a gentle soul without any social graces. Her father recognizes her goodness, but would prefer her to be clever. His comment, "You are good for nothing unless you are clever" pretty well sums up his jaundiced but coldly realistic view of the world.

One evening, her cousins introduce her to Morris Townsend, a polished but down-at-the-heels suitor. Morris fastens his attention on Catherine, but she resists his blandishments. It isn't long, however, before Morris wins her over.

In short order, he proposes marriage, and she accepts with alacrity. Mrs. Penniman, her widowed aunt, is keen about the betrothal, but her brother, Dr. Sloper, is not.

Mrs. Penniman, a foolish romantic who wants to live vicariously through Catherine, thinks it is better to be loved than to be scorned. Dr. Sloper, who has grown bitter since his beautiful wife's death at childbirth, believes Morris Townsend does not love Catherine and is only after her money.

Determined to prevent his naive daughter from marrying a fortune hunter, Dr. Sloper uses all his considerable resources to try to convince Catherine she should drop Townsend.

Ignoring his advice, Catherine decides to elope with Townsend after she and her father return from an extended trip to Europe. But, as fate would decree, the world does not unfold as she would have hoped.

Townsend, an amiable charlatan, betrays her. Dr. Sloper, not knowing she has been jilted, congratulates Catherine for her iron self-discipline and eminent good sense.

But Catherine, honest to a fault, doesn't bask in her father's praise. She tells him the truth about her aborted elopement.

As a result, their relationship, which had always been rather tenuous, deteriorates.

Dr. Sloper dies. Catherine inherits a yearly stipend of $30,000, and Townsend, still impoverished, returns to New York after failing to enrich himself in the California gold rush.

By now, Catherine has become a wise woman. She treats Townsend's entreaties with the scorn they deserve.

Thanks to Steiner's direction and the actors' performances, there is rarely a dull moment in The Heiress.

Clare Coulter's portrayal of Catherine is unreservedly fine. She accurately depicts Catherine's growth from a love-starved maiden to a cynical matron.

Douglas Rain is excellent as Dr. Sloper, the proper Yankee gentleman caught in an unpleasant domestic drama.

Joseph Zeigler plays Townsend with verve, and Francis Hyland, who played the part of Catherine in Leon Major's 1961 Crest Theatre adaptation, brings a richness of character to Mrs. Penniman.

Susan Benson's set, simple and yet ornate, is pleasing on the eye.

The Heiress is one play a dedicated theatre fan should not miss. **S.K.**

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Arts

Plenty of chutzpah and sheer driving energy

Yiddish theatre is Reva Lawry's sovereign passion

By
FRANK RASKY

Theatre producer Reva Lawry typing out translation of play she directs.

—TORONTO —

When she was a youngster growing up in the Kensington Market district, her father used to call her an *"eingeshparter akshen mit chutzpah"* — Yiddish for a "stubborn ox with lots of nerve."

Now that she's 49, Reva Lawry is more stubborn than ever about promoting the Yiddish theatre. And as for chutzpah and sheer driving energy, she's got plenty of it to burn when set on her resolute course of action.

She's a little woman, just 5 feet tall and barely 100 pounds. Yet she's the producer, director, promoter and driving force behind the Jewish Theatrical Productions Company, which is staging on the two Sundays of March 23 and March 30 a mainly Yiddish version of Neil Simon's *Come Blow Your Horn* at the Variety Dinner Theatre on Yonge at Eglinton.

Besides being the wife of Toronto mechanic Clive Lawry, the mother of seven, grandmother of four, and operator of the Knitwear World and Sweater Factory stores on Lawrence Ave. E., she also manages to find time to act for TV commercials.

But the sovereign passion in her life is centred on theatre . . . Yiddish theatre. Or, as she phrases it, "I have this thing about putting Jewish humor on the stage, so that we can continue to hear a Yiddish *vort*."

She was saying in an interview with The CJN the other day that she'll never forget a comment once made by a Holocaust survivor.

"He was asked how he'd managed to survive the *tzures* of a concentration camp when so many died beside him," she recalls. "The man answered: 'I put a little humor into everything that happened to me.'"

Lawry likewise manages to inject a dollop of Jewish humor into her droll tales about her parents, Charles and Anne Diament, and her upbringing in a mixed-language family.

Her father, now 75 and the president of Canada's Diament Knitting Mills employing 350 people, was a Polish refugee from Lodz who lost his entire family in the Holocaust. And he couldn't speak a word of English when he met her mother in Canada.

"My mother in turn was a British-born immigrant who couldn't speak a word of Yiddish," she recalls. "They met outside a *shul* here, fell in love, and managed to communicate in broken Yiddish and English."

Her own love affair with Yiddish began when she was a student at the Morris Winchevsky Jewish School located on Brunswick Ave. at College near the former Talmud Torah and YMHA.

"We lived then in rooms above the United Bakers Dairy Restaurant at 336½ Spadina," she says. "On my way to school, I used to cut through the Kensington Market and steal a dill pickle from a barrel.

"When I arrived, the teacher would complain 'Who's smelling up the classroom with kosher dill perfume?'"

Her lifelong romance with the make-believe world of the theatre was initiated at the Victory Theatre located at the corner of Spadina and Dundas.

"I was just a kid and I adored it," she says. "My mother used to send my brother, Benny, across the road to shlep me out of that enchanted theatre."

She became an actress as a teenager starring in the role of Fuffy Adams in a high school production of *Junior Miss*. Later she joined the Tri-Bell Premier Players and Theatre On The Move, studied with playwright-director John Herbert who wrote *Fortune And Men's Eyes* at the Garret Theatre, and taught children in drama classes at Karen Road Public School.

She formed her own Yiddish-speaking theatre company last year to stage *Come Blow Your Horn* at the Limelight Dinner Theatre.

"Though nobody in the company gets paid, I lost $2,000 on the production," she says. "But that didn't bother me. The capacity audiences loved it. And so many Yiddish-lovers complained they couldn't get seats, I resolved to bring it back."

Indeed, she has expanded her repertoire and her troupe will present three other Yiddish versions of stage classics this season, all to be staged at the Limelight Theatre.

They are *Fiddler On The Roof* in June and July; *The Sunshine Boys* in September; and in November she will produce *Hannah Senesh*, a dramatization by David Schechter and Lori Wilner of the diary of a heroic Israeli woman killed in the Holocaust.

"Toronto actors who speak Yiddish tend to come from an older generation," she says. "But in the last couple of years we've been inundated with younger performers who've been trained by Dora Wasserman at Montreal Yiddish Theatre of the Saidye Bronfman Centre. They're first-class professionals, and they're really great."

Why do they perform without payment?

"Because, like myself, they love expressing themselves in Yiddish," she says. "It's such a wonderfully salty language for communicating humor.

"And the Yiddish *vort* is so endearing. A word that's a downer in English becomes an upper in Yiddish. For instance, people say I'm loaded with *chutzpah*. In English, it would mean I've got gall. Expressed in Yiddish, it's a compliment."

Indeed, a resolute dynamo like Reva Lawry deserves every compliment she gets.

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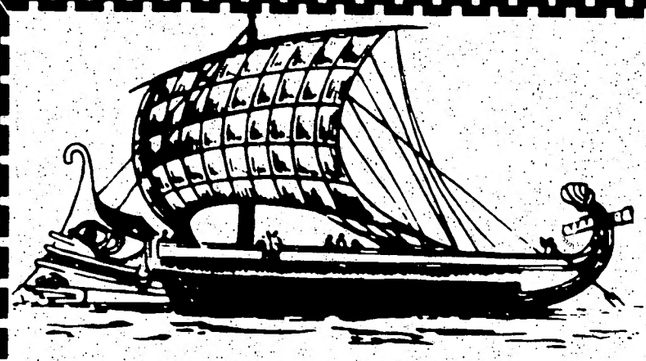

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Arts

Brigands and bawds galore

The Beggar's Opera proves to be fun-filled romp

Gaetan Laperriere plays the highwayman MacHeath and Odette Baupre (left) and Susan Tsagkaris portray two strumpets who vie for his affection in The Beggar's Opera.

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Call it a cheap and cheerful, bargain-basement version of grand opera and you wouldn't be far off.

It's *The Beggar's Opera*, John Gay's racy social satire aimed at the vices of 18th-century England and peopled with brigands and bawds, harlots and highwaymen.

Most people know it as *The Three Penny Opera*, the Bertolt Brecht-Kurt Weill adaptation of Gay's 258-year-old opera, which mocks modern corruption via the misadventures of the womanizing Mack the Knife and his band of Cockney cutpurses and doxies.

Fittingly, the Canadian Opera Company chose Gay's original 1728 opera to inaugurate the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Opera Centre.

Named after the Jewish couple who donated $1 million for the COC's new permanent home, the 450-seat theatre is a comfy, red brick, mid-Victorian building at Front and Berkeley Sts., which used to be a maraschino cherry factory.

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Gay used popular ballads to parody the stuffiness of Italian opera as represented by Handel, and Graham has staged the action in a wonderfully fast-paced, Hogarthian style.

The performers, who are largely the COC's resident ensemble of young singers, are never static. They wander informally amid the audience and strut on a wooden platform of a stage that serves in turn as a tavern, where they pound tankards of ale on tables, or Newgate Jail, where the jailer cracks a whip to the beat of music.

Quebec-born baritone Gaetan Laperriere plays the highwayman Captain MacHeath with virile Gallic insouciance. Outstanding among the strumpets who throw themselves at his feet or betray him are Odette Beaupre as Lucy Lockit, Susan Tsagkaris as Polly Peachum, Linda Bennett as Jenny Diver, and Arlene Meadows as that formidably voluptuous moll, Mrs. Peachum.

It's a fun-filled romp that runs until March 15, particularly suitable for those who heretofore have been intimidated by grand opera. Tickets are $10 for students and seniors and $25 for others. For information, phone 363-2348.

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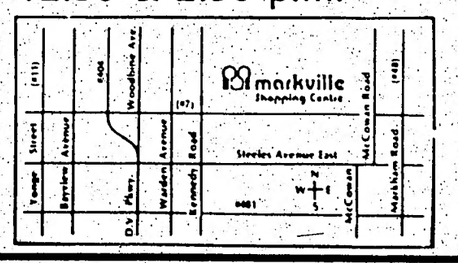

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By
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A Show of Hands: Pottery and sculpture by Peter Jansons, to April 2. 1947 Avenue Rd., 782-1696.

Arctic Experience Gallery: A newly arrived shipment of Inuit sculpture. 189 Hughes St. S. in Hamilton. 522-9443.

Art Gallery of Ontario: The first major retrospective of 75 prints by Edouard Manet opens March 29; major exhibits include paintings of Canada by Milton Avery, to April 13; original illustrations of a popular Chinese children's book, Chin Chiang and the Dragon's Dance, to March 30; works by Michelangelo Pistoletto, one of Italy's foremost contemporary artists, to April 6; a retrospective of paintings by Canadian artist Christopher Pratt, through April 20; works by Richard Hamilton, the founder of pop art, ends March 12. 317 Dundas St. W., 977-0414.

Bau-Xi Gallery: Multimedia works by Tony Urquhart ends March 15; new oil paintings by Hugh MacKenzie opens March 19. 340 Dundas St. W., 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: Prairie landscapes by Hans Herold, to April 11. 80 Spadina Ave., suite 304. 364-6181.

Carmen Lamanna Gallery: New sculptures and drawings by Reinhard Reitzenstein, to March 27. 840 Yonge St., 922-0410

Circle Art Gallery: The gallery will hold a special showing of works by Erte, Kalman Shemi and Lebadang, with some proceeds going to Toronto Women's ORT, March 23-30. 19 Hazelton Ave., 961-5806.

Del Bello Gallery: Works on paper by Tony Ecosta and John Kelly, to March 15. 363 Queen St. W., 593-0884.

Eye Revue: Cat's Cradle, an installation of string, light and plastic figures by Elaine Cohen, to March 25. In Union Station, 65 Front St. W.

First Impressions Gallery: Engravings by James Coignard, to March 20. 334 Dundas W., 591-8461.

Gallery 44: Photographs by Claude Philippe Benoit, to March 22. 109 Niagara St., 363-5187.

Gallery One: Recent paintings by Jules Olitski. Opens March 15. 121 Scollard St., 929-3103.

Gallery Quan: Recent paintings by Ernestine Tahedl, to March 20. 112 Scollard St., 968-7822.

Garnet Press: Litho Printing/Gallery: Recent paintings by Natalka Husar, to March 15. 580 Richmond St. W., 366-5012.

George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art: The First Potters of Ontario, a show of Ontario pottery by pre-17th century Indian tribes, to June 8; pre-Columbian pottery, English delftware, Continental and English porcelain, Italian majolica and rare French porcelain pieces from the court of Louis XV continues. 111 Queen's Park, 593-9300.

Glendon Gallery: Works by 12 Quebec artists, to March 23. 2275 Bayview, 487-6202.

Grunwald Gallery: Works by Bruce Parsons, to March 19. 80 Spadina Ave., 365-3103.

Harbourfront Art Gallery: Sculpture by James Walton continues until March 30; Sweden: a comprehensive look at modern Swedish design, to March 30. 235 Queen's Quay W., 869-8410.

Idee: Photographs of Egypt and Jordan by William Deacon, to March 21. 112 Queen St. E. 362-3380.

Inclination Gallery: Wildlife paintings by Glen Loates, by appointment only. 19 Boswell Ave., suite 3. 923-6065.

Interference Hologram Gallery: Works by Vancouver holographer Al Razutis, to March 15. 1179A King St. W., 535-2323.

Inuit Gallery: Sculpture by Johnny Kavik. Opens March 15. 9 Prince Arthur Ave., 921-9985.

Isaacs Gallery: Constructed paintings by Gordon Rayner, to March 21; paintings by Lorne Wagman opens March 15. 832 Yonge St., 923-7301.

Jane Corkin and Klonaridis Galleries: Works by Alex Cameron in mid-career, to March 29. 144 Front St. W., 979-1980.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: The 64th annual exhibit of photographs by the Hart House Camera Club Committee, to March 27. Hart House, University of Toronto, 978-2453.

Koffler Gallery: An exhibit of 90 original linoleum cuts by Henri Matisse, March 18-April 11; new works in stone by Angela Houpt, March 18-April 11. 4588 Bathurst St., 636-2145.

Maison de la Culture: Recent serigraphs by Sheila Maki, March 26-April 12. 2275 Bayview, 487-6203.

Marianne Friedland Gallery: Drawings and prints by Milton Avery, to March 19; new paintings by Suzanne Olivier opens March 22. 122 Scollard St., 961-4900.

McMichael Canadian Collection: A major retrospective of drawings, prints, sewing and sculpture by the Inuit artist Kenojuak, to May 4; In Kleinburg, 893-1121.

Mercer Union: Works on paper by Therese Bolliger, to April 5. 333 Adelaide St. W., 977-1412.

Mira Godard Gallery: Paintings by Clark McDougall, March 15-April 2; 3-dimensional drawings by Derek Besant, opens March 22. 22 Hazelton Ave., 964-8197.

North York Arts Council: An exhibit of hand crafted teddy bears by Maralyn Allen, to March 21. 7 Edithvale Dr., 225-4486.

Olga Korper Gallery: Paintings by Bobbie Oliver to March 19; new drawings by Kim Andrews opens March 22. 80 Spadina Ave., 363-5268.

Ontario Crafts Council: Weaving and painting by Sandra Brownlee-Ramsdale and Aileen Meagher, to March 30. 346 Dundas St. W., 977-3551.

Ontario Potters Association: A special show and sale of decorative and functional glass crafted in Ontario, March 26-April 12. 140 Yorkville, 932-1803.

Photography Gallery: Work by David Morrish, to March 30. 235 Queen's Quay W. 466-3757.

Roberts Gallery: Contemporary tapestries by Mary Fisher, to March 22. 641 Yonge St., 924-8731.

Royal Ontario Museum: Maya: Treasures of an Ancient Civilization, a collection of Mayan artifacts, opens March 22; Around the World: A Selection of Recent Gifts of Costume and Textiles: an international collection of fashions, costumes and textiles, to June; I Took His Likeness, paintings by Paul Kane on display until May; Silver From the Growing Collections, an exhibit of silver pieces, to September; an exhibit of 22 oil paintings from Canada's National Portrait Gallery on view until July; rare Jewish artifacts originating from Kaifeng, China, on indefinitely; Glimpses of Excellence, a collection of vases from the 1st century BC to the 16th century, on loan from Elie Borowski, to April. 100 Queen's Park Cres., 586-5551/2/3.

S.L. Simpson Gallery: New photo-prints by Douglas Walker, to March 29. 515 Queen St. W., 362-3738.

Sable-Castelli Gallery: Paintings by Will Gorlitz and Douglas Kirton, to March 22. 33 Hazelton Ave., 961-0011.

Samuel J. Zacks Gallery: Landscapes by Murray Kropf, to March 21. Stong College, York University, 6700 Keele St., 667-3926.

Toronto Image Works: Large color photographs by Rafael Goldchain, to March 22. 80 Spadina Ave., 363-1999.

Toronto Photographers Workshop: Fresh Shadows, an exhibit of members' contemporary photograms, to April 8. 80 Spadina Ave., 362-4242.

Toronto Sculpture Garden: The Found Foundation, an installation by Andreas Gehr, to April 1. 115 King St. E.

Weingluck's Art Gallery: Permanent exhibit includes modern pencil and ink drawings by Rae Simone and works by Henry Weingluck. 623 College St., 531-6786.

Winters College Art Gallery: Works by Lucy Lippard, to March 23. Ross Building room N145, York University, 4700 Keele St., 667-3427.

Wynick/Tuck Gallery: New work by Janice Gurney, to March 19; large scale drawings on plexiglass by Arlene Stamp, opens March 22. 80 Spadina, 364-8716.

Ydessa Gallery: Sculpture by Andreas Gehr, to March 22; an installation by Ken Lum opens March 29. 334 Queen St. W., 593-1100.

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By BEN ROSE

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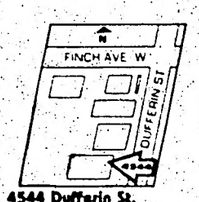

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Journey into history for Jewish travelers

France offers visitors more than Gay Paree

By
ROSE KLEINER

PARIS —
Tourists to France are usually so taken with exploring Paris that they rarely venture beyond that city's limits. But France's regional attractions are many and even for the seasoned traveler they never lose their fascination. For the Jewish traveler they offer a journey back into several centuries of history.

Now that the south can be reached from Paris by the world's fastest train, the TGV (Train a Grande Vitesse), a tour to such cities as Lyon and Avignon can make for an exciting and rewarding holiday. Add to this the savings with a Eurailpass, and lower prices prevailing outside of Paris, and a southern tour becomes even more appealing.

Traveling at 165 mph, the TGV reaches Lyon, from Paris, in just two hours. Two thousand years old, the city of Lyon is famous for its renaissance architecture, its Place Bellecour — one of Europe's latest public pedestrian squares, and its cuisine.

One of the city's dozen major museums, the Gallo-Roman Art Museum was designed by Israeli architect Bernard Zehrfuss.

Lyon's Jewish population numbers about 35,000. There are 20 synagogues, over a dozen kosher butcher shops, a day school, several Talmud Torahs, and three Jewish booksellers.

A kosher restaurant, Resto Dave, is located at 82 rue Bossuet. Tourists are welcomed at the Grande Synagogue, 13 Quai Tilsitt.

From Lyon you can take a river barge cruise to Dijon in Burgundy. Dijon's Jewish Community Center is at 5 rue de la Synagogue.

Going south through the country's Provence region one feasts one's eyes on Roman antiquities, and one's palate on fresh fruits of the sea and of the land. For this area is famous for its fruits, vegetables and seafood.

Provence is steeped in Jewish history — its first Jewish inhabitants having settled there as long ago as the 5th and 6th centuries.

Over the years important centres of Jewish learning were established in several towns or Provence.

Comprising part of the Papal States, these towns — such as Avignon, Carpentras and Cavaillon — provided special protection for their Jewish settlers.

One of the main attractions in Avignon, the "city of the Popes," is the Palace of the Popes. Medieval painting and sculpture, at the Petit Palais Museum, is another major attraction.

Avignon offers art and music festivals in the Palace, and mime shows in its squares.

A Jewish presence in Avignon dates back to the 4th century. During the Papal reign there was special protection for the Jewish inhabitants. But by the 19th century there was no Jewish community to speak of there. The community was revived in the 1960s, with the North African immigration.

Today North American visitors are warmly welcomed by the community, whose synagogue is located at 2 Place Jerusalem. There are regular Friday evening, and Saturday morning, services in the unique circular synagogue, built in the Roman style. It is located in the old Jewish quarter, which dates back to the 13th century.

Carpentras is the home of possibly the oldest standing synagogue in France. It dates back to the 14th or 15th century, and contains many objects rescued by Spanish Jewry.

Located opposite the Town Hall, on Place de la Synagogue, the structure was erected in 1367, rebuilt in 1741, and restored in 1929. It is classified as a national monument.

Open to visitors from 10 to noon, and from 3 to 5 p.m. daily, the synagogue has services Friday evening at sunset, and Saturday morning at 9.

The Jewish population of Cavaillon is tiny — less than 100 persons — but the town has a synagogue that was built in 1774, and a Jewish museum that is open to the public.

The museum is situated on rue Hebraique. It is open from 10 to noon, and from 2 to 5 p.m. every day, except Tuesday. Many of the objects on display go back to the 14th and 15th centuries.

The synagogue is situated above the museum. It is regarded as a French historical monument. Services are held on Friday evening at 8.30 p.m.

If the museum and synagogue are closed you can contact either Mr. Mathou at 23 rue Chabran, near the synagogue, or call Maurice Palombo at 78-02-46.

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By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

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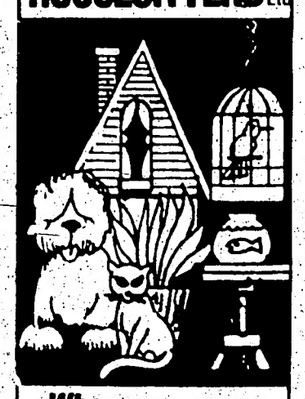

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Travel

Terrorist attacks cause switch

Alaska replaces the Mediterranean for cruise ships

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

VANCOUVER — This summer there will be more ships sailing up the Pacific coast than ever before. A number of ship lines have taken their ships off the Mediterranean Sea service because of the threat of terrorist attacks. What happened to the Italian ship Achille Lauro resulted in many cancellations for Mediterranean cruises this summer, and ships were moved to the Caribbean and Alaska runs.

The Alaska cruise route is always booked fully long before the summer season begins in mid-May. This year, despite more ships and the added attraction of Vancouver's Expo 86, the route is expected to attract a record number of tourists, according to travel agents. If you have been planning to make this once-in-a-lifetime trip, you would be advised to book as early as possible, and if necessary for next year. Ships sailings continue from mid-May to mid-September.

Most cruises to Alaska start at Vancouver; even those which start from American ports as far south as San Fancisco, make a stop at Vancouver.

The route is between the British Columbia mainland and the numerous islands which dot the coast. The scenery is vast-huge areas of dark smooth waters between the land masses, endless snowcapped peaks practically always in view in the distance, dark forests stretching as far as the eyes can see, except where loggers cleared big swaths and left the mountains bare. Here and there a few settlements.

When I made the cruise, the scenery was one of the high points in my many years of world travel.

There is traffic on the miles-wide waterways, fishing trawlers, ferry boats and the occasional cruise ship. Everything on the water seems tiny as seen against the vast panorama.

Overhead there are always sea birds, sometimes an eagle. Man's-big birds, the seaplanes which contact the logging camps and Indian fishing villages, announce their presence with a loud buzz disturbing the silence.

At night the star gazer will have a magnificent view of the star-studded sky, far away from the lights of big cities.

Most cruise ships will sail non-stop through Canadian waters till they near the Alaska coast where it parallels the Canadian mainland.

Sometimes the ship may stop at one or other of the small communities on Vancouver Island and the seaport of Prince Rupert on the BC mainland. If your ship should stop there, you can visit a salmon fish cannery as I did. If you haven't seen the huge totem poles in Vancouver's Stanley Park or at Victoria on Vancouver Island, you will see some original cedar totem polls at Prince Rupert, where there is a small museum of Pacific coast Indian artifacts.

As the ship steams slowly northward the air becomes a bit chillier. You are reaching into glacier territory, where the huge tongues of ice and snow reach down from the mountains into the heavily indented coast. You'll not only go for your sweaters and coats, but also the cameras and binoculars.

We traveled up Tracy Arm, not far south of Juneau. Small icebergs filled the water, it became increasingly colder, and we seemed to be heading straight into a mountain.

You'll feel mighty small in this huge mountain of ice scenery. Here and there among the infrequent glimpses of bare rock, there were thin waterfalls. At least they looked thin as we were still a long distance from the rocky shore — a little toy boat in this enormous coastal inlet. The sun glistened from the ice which was everywhere, a blue-white color, and, the captain said, reaching at least 1,000 feet below the surface of the water.

Juneau is usually the first port in Alaska where cruise ships stop. It is the state capital, situated on the Gastineau Channel waterfront at the base of Mount Juneau. It begins as a gold camp a century ago. Today it is a flourishing city with modern government buildings, a state museum filled with totem poles and Indian memorabilia, as well as historic items from the early gold mines.

Outside the city is the Mendenhall Glacier in the Tongass National Forest. It is 15 miles (24 kilometres) from Juneau on the Glacier Highway.

You can practically walk up to the glacier but it is not recommended. The glacier has been slowly receding and new grass and trees are growing where the glacier stood a decade ago. If you think of the glacier as something small, think again, for it is 12 miles (19 km) long going back to the Juneau Icefield and is 1.5 miles (2.5 km) wide. You feel pretty small looking at it. And stay away from base, as forest rangers tell of pieces of ice weighing tons falling off the glacier without warning.

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Business Outlook

Cory Gillman wears a dinosaur suit, one of Mostly Dolls most popular outfits. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

Perfect for Purim

Costumes please the kids

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — From the evil Haman to a lovable, laughable puppy, Denise Flys has an outfit to fulfil any child's Purim fantasy. (Purim this year falls on March 25.)

"Kids' imaginations run wild at this time of year. I try to keep one step ahead and have costumes for everyone," says Flys, owner of Mostly Dolls, a toy store at 353 Eglinton Ave. W. that specializes in imported dolls, costumes and accessories.

Flys, who designs all the costumes herself, says that her problem is not thinking of ideas but rather having the time to design all the costumes she thinks of. "Every television show, movie, public figure and holiday inspires me."

She notes that for Purim she has designed costumes for such characters as Queen Esther and Haman. "Girls dressing as the queen can buy a shiny gold dress with a long flowing skirt and puffy sleeves or a satin cape and crown covered in glitters.

"We have all kinds of evil-looking masks for Haman."

Flys says animal costumes have always been best sellers. She points to an orange and purple felt dinosaur suit and says it is very popular in bold colors such as lime green, red or bright blue. "A brown plush dog carrying a big bone and a big hairy gorilla are also favorites."

Animal costumes always best sellers

She says that for those wishing to be punk rockers for a day she sells wigs in every color imaginable as well as glitter makeup and black nailpolish. "We even have spray hair color that washes out with one washing."

Flys adds that children wanting to be babies again can wear a wig bonnet, bib and diaper and chomp on an oversized soother, or prospective bankers can wear a bowler hat, vest, bowtie and walk with a cane. Warriors can go to their party dressed in armor and jailbirds in black and white striped outfits.

Flys has a line of plush hats with animal ears for babies too young to be confined in a costume. "When the party is over the hat can still be worn with a snow suit," she adds.

She says that children who already have costumes often come in for theatrical makeup. "We carry basic makeup such as glitter and eye shadows as well as kits with instructions how to paint on a wound or a bullet hole.

"Of course there is also the classic Indian headdress, the long feather boa and the big nose and glasses."

Those who can't find what they are looking for are welcome to discuss their ideas with her and she will be happy to custom-make a costume. "After all, there are some ideas I haven't thought of yet," she laughs.

Flys says all costumes are sewn to order and the average price is about $50. For more information she can be reached at (416) 484-1940.

Some words of 'wisdom' from the past.

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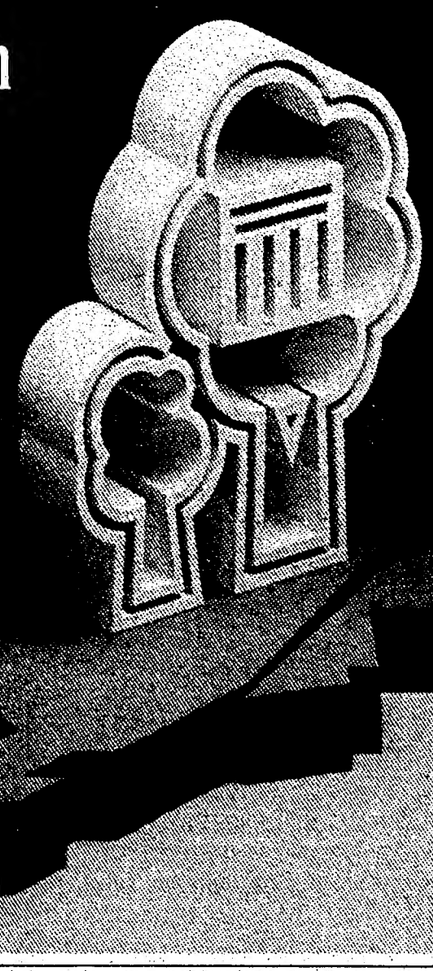

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Business Outlook

60 years of service

Selling cars is what he does best

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Phil Spivak is taking it a little easier these days. The former sales manager for Winnipeg's Park Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd. no longer works evenings. However, Spivak at 85 is still there six days a week at 8 a.m. to open up and meet his customers, argue prices and do what he has been doing for most of the past 60 years — sell cars.

It was back in the 1920s that Spivak and his brother, Stoney, opened Spivak Motors on Portage and Victor in downtown Winnipeg. They sold used cars for several years before Stoney left to go into the car business in Toronto. Phil stayed in Winnipeg and looked after the family farms outside the city in Birds Hill and Stony Mountain for a time.

In 1937, Spivak re-entered the car business with Stoney in Toronto. For 30 years, they ran one of the biggest used car operations in Ontario. At its height, their Stoney's Car Market Ltd. operated 10 lots in Toronto and elsewhere in Ontario specializing in used Chrysler products. Out of their East End Motors dealership, they sold new Standard Triumphs produced in England, Plymouths and Renaults.

Grieved by the loss of his first wife, Spivak returned to Winnipeg in 1967 where he went to work for Dave Dveris and Park Pontiac. "It's a very good house," he said. "Service is very good. Where other dealerships may give you a rough time if a deal falls through, here you always get your deposit back."

As sales manager, Spivak initiated the company policy of offering free work to used car customers with car problems. "That is one reason this place is successful," he said.

As sales manager, he found there was a lot of tension, a lot of highs and lows. "It's a very competitive business," he said. Winnipeg is a big discount town. It's harder to sell anyway these days with the prices so high. It was easier in Toronto with its larger population. Prices were a lot lower then, too."

Actually, Spivak is "semi-retired." He only puts in a 6-day, 36-hour week and doesn't compete for new business with the other salesmen. "I do strictly repeat business now," he said. "A guy I sold a car to in 1973 came in to buy a car for his daughter.

"Another guy who bought cars from me in 1969 and 1976 came in to buy a used car for his son in the $6,000 range. I took him out and showed him a car I thought was good and he bought it without even trying to start it first."

Last year, Spivak was awarded the status of Grand Salesmaster for his 1984 achievements. "There may be 10-12 winners in Manitoba each year," he said. "I was the only one at Park Pontiac last year."

Phil Spivak has always believed in an honest day's work for a day's pay. The master car salesman will continue to work as long as his health permits, and thousands of satisfied customers can attest to the fact that you can always count on getting a fair deal from Phil Spivak.

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Spacious 3 bdrm bungalow. New kitchen. Bsmt. apt + rec room. 2 open fireplaces, garage. Steps to amenities. Mrs. Rybak 787-7151.

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LESLIE-SHEPPARD "EXCITING RENOVATION"
$329,000. 5 huge bdrms, 20' family rm. rosewood panelled, finished bsmt. Maxine Povering 736-1100.

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THORNHILL — BACKING ONTO RAVINE!
$279,000. 3,100 sq. ft, huge pie shaped lot, every conceivable extra! Stunning! Maxine Povering 736-1100.

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BAYVIEW-STEELES "QUIET COURT"
$274,900. 4 bdrms, 4 baths, main floor family rm + den, finished bsmt, sauna. Betty Goldkind 736-1100.

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BATHURST-STEELES — BACKS ONTO PARK!
$214,900. 2,850 sq. ft, huge master retreat, circular staircase, white ceramics. Leah Gorlicky 736-1100.

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LESLIE-STEELES $174,900 "DEEP LOT"
1st ad. 4 bdrm, 3 baths, Hollywood kitchen, enormous family rm, finished bsmt. Sandy Rosenberg 736-1100.

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YONGE-CUMMER SIDESPLIT
$174,900. 3 bdrms, main floor family rm, 60 x 130 lot, walk to Yonge St., must sell! Steve Nadajewski 736-1100.

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BATHURST-STEELES "NEW EXCLUSIVE"
$163,900. 4 bdrms, m... SOLD ...r family & laundry rms, master ensuite, dou... garage. Maxine Povering 736-1100.

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BATHURST-STEELES "JUST LISTED"
$159,900. 4 bdrm, 3 baths, double garage, family rm, fireplace, deep lot. Maxine Povering 736-1100.

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BAYVIEW-STEELES "BACKSPLIT"
$136,500. Just listed. 4 bdrm semi, huge family rm, Hollywood kitchen, income bsmt apt. Betty Goldkind 736-1100.

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BAYVIEW-WILLOWBROOK — ONLY $143,900
1st ad! 4 bdrm link, main flo... family rm, master ensuite, fireplace. Leslie S... SOLD ...berg 736-1100.

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BATHURST-STEELES TOWNHOME
$89,900. 3 bdrms, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen, finished bsmt, underground parking. Wendy Teperman 736-1100.

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$103,900 25th Floor, Faces East, Wonderful, Spacious, Mint Move-In Cond'd., 2 Bdrm. + 2 Washrms. + Built-In Bar/Library. June Poss'n. To View Call Warren Cooper 221-5515.

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$184,900 Sunken LR/Fam. Rm., Large Kitchen, 4 Bdrms., CAC, Fenced, Landscaped, Schools, Shopping, Transportation, April Poss'n, Joan E. Landy 221-5515.

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$419,900 Outstanding, Custom Built 5 Bdrm. 2 Storey, Main Flr. Den & Fam. Rm., Many Extras. Evelyn Kendall 487-7101.

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BATHURST-WILSON — MINT CONDITION
$159,900 Det. 2 Sty., 3 Bdrms., Updated Eat-In Kit., Priv. Drive, Gar., Self-Contained Bsmt. Apt., Mrs. Robinson 487-4311.

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3 bdrm bungalow & main fl. family room, double garage. MARY FENYES 224-2800.

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BATHURST-CLARK — UPGRADED
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BATHURST & PATRICIA TOWNHOUSE
$114,900. 3 bdrms, 3 baths, finished bsmt, garage, appliances. MR. VERRALL 224-2800.

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BATHURST NORTH STEELES $122,900
New executive 2 bdrm condo, Florida room, king size master, two 4 piece baths, laundry ensuite, opposite Promenade mall. Must sell! ANNETTE LIPTON 224-2800.

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LESLIE-SHEPPARD — JUST LISTED $149,900
Immaculate 4 bdrm, 2 storey link, large rooms, impressive foyer, main fl. powder room, fireplace. Don't wait. SARAH ROVET 224-2800.

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BATHURST-DREWRY $289,900
Magnificent 4 bdrm backsplit — has it all. Over $75,000 spent on upgrading family room, library & more. Steps to everything. OLGA VERRALL 224-2800.

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5,000 sq. ft., executive residence. Over ½ acre lot. To be built for you. Most exciting floor plan, adjacent to Richmond Hill Golf & Country Club. $685,000. HEATHER SHERMAN 223-5100.

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NEW LISTING 3000 BATHURST
Low floor, one bdrm & den, eat-in kit, laundry ensuite, 3 appls., 24 hr, security, like new. Adult bldng. MIRIAM ROSE 223-5100.

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BATHURST-STEELES — DON'T MISS OUT!
3 bdrms, 3 baths, fin. bsmt & fireplace, huge lot & more on child safe crescent. Like a model! RANDY COHEN 224-2800.

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BATHURST NORTH STEELES — 3,000 SQ. FT.
Inground pool, 4 bdrms, family room & study, fin. bsmt, marble floors, out of this world kit., greenhouse windows, 4 baths, jacuzzi, appls., + much more. PEARLY DENNIS 224-2800.

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BATHURST-ANTIBES — NEW LISTING
$86,900. Penthouse condo, luxury king size 1 bdrm, large living & dining, panoramic view. Immed. possession. ANNETTE LIPTON 224-2800.

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BATHURST-STEELES — JUST LISTED!
Det. 4 bdrm, main fl. family & fireplace, 3 baths, Hollywood kit, 4pc. master ensuite, main fl. laundry. Thousands spent in upgrades. MARLON GREEN 224-2800.

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46 New homes, all with 4 bdrms, main fl. laundry rms, dble garage, oversized oval tub, pedestal sinks, fireplaces, colonial trim, all brick, circular staircases, ceramics, choice of quality finishings. 2,300 - 3,150 sq. ft. MARLON GREEN 224-2800.

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***BATHURST VILLAGE — RAVINE LOT**
Sparkling large bungalow. Modern. W/o from bsmt. Dble garage. Pride of ownership.

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***BATHURST-FINCH BACKS ONTO PARK**
2 storey. 4 bdrm, 4 baths, fam. rm. C.A.C. Mtge. at 9-7/8%.

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Sumptuous & gracious 2-storey home, features 4 generous-sized bdrms. & family rm. on main floor. Finished lower level w/open brick fireplace, wet bar & walkout to ravine, dble. garage. Perfect for large family & entertaining. Just listed — don't wait till it's sold. Mr. Santee Leung, 441-2003, 24 hrs. on call + pager.

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This corner suite is nicely upgraded, new Canac kit., fam. rm. with balcony. Insulated lrg. Florida rm., huge living & dining rm. 2 car park. Located on the 6th floor. Laura Barnett 783-3333/491-1444.

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$173,900. Lovely 6 lrg. rm., huge living & dining, move-in condition, large mod. kit., priv. dr. & gar., fin. bsmt., 2 mod. baths. Carmen Piensos 783-3333 or 638-1492.

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FOREST HILL/ CEDARVALE
- 729K. Luxury custom reno., stone front, 4 bdrm., 4 new baths., impt. kit., C.A.C., dbl. gar.
- 339K Updated 'Tudor', 4 bdrm., 4 bath., white custom kit. with w/o.
- 359K Unique 3 stry., in perfect condition, 5 bdrm., fam. rm.

B. Smith 783-3333

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SPADINA/HEATH
$399,000. Det. brick & stone, priv. dr. & gar., 6 bdrm., 4 fire pl., superb oak, bevelled glass french doors, Dining rm. with beam ceiling, many built-ins with leaded glass. Kit. with butlers pantry. Zoned for lawyer/doctor office. Marg Hutchison 488-2444.

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LESLIE-FRANCINE DR.— 2 STOREY
$315,000. Ravine lot. Custom contemporary design. 5 bdrm. 5 baths. Over 3,200 sq. ft. W/o bsmt., sauna. Judy Horvath 449-2020.

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HOGG'S HOLLOW — VERY PRIVATE
$389,500. Grand setting. 4 bdrms. Family rm., den, great space. Natalie Schacter 449-2020.

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BANBURY RD. YORK MILLS CHARMER
$389,900. This one's got curb appeal. Custom floor plan. 4 + bedrms. Fabulous lower level. Gorgeous! Heddy Blaug 449-2020.

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WOODLAND ACRES ESTATE
$469,000. Magnificent one acre treed lot. Outstanding English Tudor. 7 yrs. old. Exclusive area. Eileen Church 449-2020.

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NEW LUXURY HOUSE TO BE BUILT
$879,000 — 4,600 sq. ft. of ultra luxurious living on ½ acre lot. Best location Bayview/Steeles area. H. Cohen/R. Baker 449-2020.

Midtown Properties

1ST AD — A MUST SEE IN LEASIDE!!
$198,000. Bright 3 bdrm. home with main fl. fam./rm., master has ensuite + sitting area. Close to everything. M. Muri 487-4343.

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$239,000. Superb 3 bedroom home. Beautiful principal rms. Main fl. family rm. 2 baths. Finished rec. rm. Sandra Goodwin 487-4343.

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VALUE! YONGE/ST. CLAIR DUPLEX !!
$379,000. Fabulous renovation! Oversized 3-2 bdrm. White eat-in kits., dble garage, super income! Terry Moranis 449-2020.

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LOCATION + DECOR = VALUE ++
$379,000. Leslie/York Mills. Designer's finishings. Skylites, cac, gourmet kitchen, walkout lower. Heddy Blaug 449-2020.

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GLENORCHY-ROYAL YORK
$625,000. Perfect family house. Fabulous main floor for entertaining. Huge lot. Leila Taylor 449-2020.

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$675,000. AT Bloor & Spadina. 14 offices in renovated 3 storey. Suitable for all professions. H. Cohen/R. Baker 449-2020.

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Spacious 3 bdrm. + mn. flr. fam. rm., ceramic entrance, lg. eat-in kitch., dble. car garage. Extras! $159,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — $149,900
Spacious, 3+ bdrms., master ensuite, mn. flr. fam. rm., fin. bsmnt. + nannie's rm. Extras! Michael Spagat, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — JUST LISTED!
Super 3 bdrm. + mn. flr. fam. rm., dble. gar., quiet cres. $144,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — $127,500
Fantastic starter home! 3 bdrms., ensuite, 5 appls., quiet crescent, walk to shuls & shopping. Michael Spagat, 731-7111.

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BATHURST MANOR — ULTRA KITCHEN
Spacious 3+ bdrm. sidesplit, master ensuite, panelled den, dble. garage, close to amenities. Bella Beer, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-FINCH — $139,900
Spacious 4 bdrm. backsplit, huge fam. rm., 4 pc. ensuite, w/o bsmnt. Extras. Value! Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-WILSON — $149,900
Beautiful 3 bdrm. bung., updated condition. Fin. bsmnt., attached gar., 2 bths., fenced treed yard. Joey Taylor, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-LAWRENCE — BUNGALOW
Spacious 3 bdrm., 2 bdrm. bsmnt. in-law apt. Lg. lot. Super location. Joey Taylor, 731-7111.

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HUNTER'S PT. — DREAM HOME!
5 bdrm., gorgeous ravine lot. Finished lower lev., sauna, exercise & billiard rms. Decorated! $294,000. Michael Spagat, 731-7111.

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BAYVIEW-WILLOWBROOK — $239,000
Lg. 4 bdrm., loaded with extras. Beautifully landscaped lg. lot. Close to everything! Michael Spagat, 731-7111.

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LOVINGLY RESTORED — LAWRENCE PARK
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$279,900. 2-storey townhouse. 3 bdrms. (master ensuite). Main flr. powder rm. Combination kitchen/family rm. + w/o to cedar deck. Soaring gallery & skylight. Many extras. Call Elaine Yaffe or Barbara Kaplan, 483-4337.

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Gorgeous 4 bdrm. Tudor. Gracious principal rms. 3 full baths on 2nd. Stunning kitchen/family rm. Manicured pool sized garden. Call Harold Hillman, 483-4337. SOLD

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$339,000. Inviting 4 bdrm. home on breathtaking ravine setting. Main flr. family rm. w/fireplace. Fin. lower level w/exercise rm. & sauna. Call Harvey Cooper, 483-4337.

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5 rm. Bungalow. Great potential fopr expansion. Lot 65' x 144'. Call Gertrude Kerbel, 483-4337.

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Reduced! Priced to sell! Spacious throughout. 3 bdrms, 3½ baths. Fam. rm. Quality +++. $529,000 Judy Silverberg 488-2875.

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OBITUARIES

Asa, Isaac. Retired principal Alliance Israelite Universelle School in Izmir Turkey on Feb. 28th, 1986 in Windsor, Ontario. Family 3741 Huntington Ave., Windsor.

Bernstein, Phyllis on February 25, 1986, late of 535 Sheppard Ave. W., #904.
Bilson, Anna on February 24, 1986, late of 76 Castlebury Cres., TH#3.
Braunstein, Betty on February 28, 1986, late of Leisure World.
Dekter, Lillian on March 1, 1986, late of 17 London St.
Gresham, Sydney on February 25, 1986, late of 6010 Bathurst St., #1007.
Huberman, David on February 26, 1986, late of 25 Cedarcroft Blvd., #905.
Kantor, Anszel on March 1, 1986, late of 321 Chaplin Cres., #705.
Lieberman, Samuel on February 27, 1986, late of 535 Sheppard Ave. W., #1003.
Papernick, Henry on March 1, 1986, late of 60 Purdon Dr.
Silver, Samuel on February 26, 1986, late of 6200 Bathurst St., #202.
Vilk, Tamara on February 28, 1986, late of 6171 Bathurst St., #910.

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

Venick, Anne on 2/20/86, late of Rest Haven Nursing Home, Aurora.
Prager, Hattie on 2/20/86, late of 8 Fead St., Orangeville.
Abramowitz, Oscar on 2/20/86, late of 707 St. Clair Ave. W., #414, Toronto.
Prosserman, Isse on 2/23/86, late of 142 Brighton Ave., Toronto.
Abrams, Ruth on 2/23/86, late of 164 Dewboune Ave., Tor., Ont.
Silver, Ruth on 2/22/86, late of 1223 Hall Ave., Windsor N8X 4R1.
Austin, Sally on 2/21/86, late of 300 Antibes Dr., #903, Downsview.
Haltrecht, Albert on 2/23/86, late of 10 Muirhead Rd., Willowdale.
Black, Betty on 2/24/86, late of 6000 Bathurst St., #1007, Willowdale.
Dunkelman, Evelyn on 2/23/86, late of 1 Benvenuto Pl., #525, Toronto.
Goldman, Rose on 2/25/86, late of 2999 Jane St., #1603, Downsview.
Blaff, Hyman on 2/26/86, late of 444 Neptune Ave., Brooklyn, New York 11224.
Eisen, Betty on 2/27/86, late of 4 Mascott Pl., #304, Willowdale.

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By DAVID PIERSON

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Unfortunately for the Toronto contingent they couldn't change the result of the tournament, as for the third year in a row, the Montreal contingent captured the championship with Montreal Classy defeating Toronto Purple 2-1 in overtime.

Ira Kaufman of the Toronto branch of the B'nai B'rith league said the tournament was a really terrific experience and the players had a lot of fun getting to know one another.

"It was so unbelieveably cold the players had no choice but to hang around together at the hotel when they weren't playing and we had a lot fun."

Sherman stellar in goal

Kaufman said that most of the players attended the Friday night NHL match between the Winnipeg Jets and the Chicago Black Hawks and everyone was out in force for the Saturday night social as many of Winnipeg's single ladies attended.

And on the ice, goalie Mark Sherman of the Toronto Purple team picked himself up a VCR for being named the tournament's MVP for his stellar goaltending throughout the tournament.

Kaufman said that the 1986 B'nai B'rith hockey championship was its most sucessful ever, with more teams and players competing than ever before.

Next year's promises to be even more exciting as the league hopes to have some B'nai B'rith teams from the U.S. come to Toronto for the championship.

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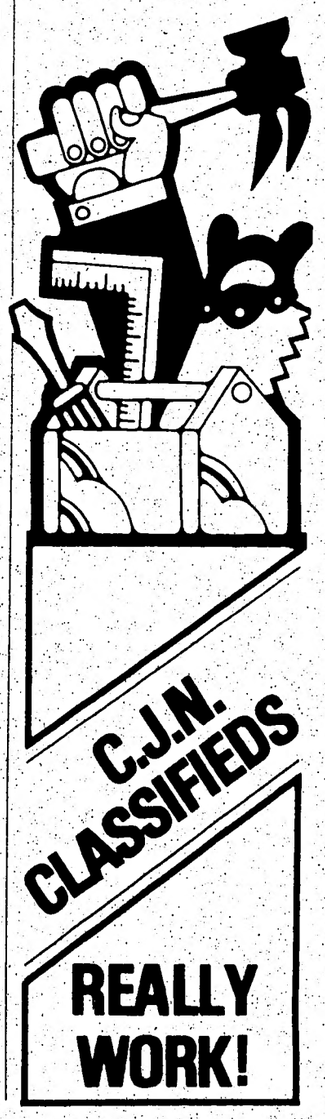

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